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The Nimda virus attacked computers all over campus causing many students to have trouble accessing the network.

Nimda Computer Virus Nails College Network

By Lindsey Whitton
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Sept. 18, a computer virus called Nimda broke out, infecting both personal computers and computer servers throughout the Middlebury College campus. The entire College e-mail system was shut down for an hour and a half on Sept. 20 to secure the system against the virus.

The Nimda has been heralded the most rapid and perhaps most complex virus to date. The worm enters the computer as an e-mail attachment, but unlike most viruses, the attachment does not necessarily have to be opened or downloaded for the virus to take hold. Rather, the e-mail just has to be opened or previewed for the computer to be infected. The worm then fastens itself to an existing document and begins to hamper the computer's ability to function, often inducing system slowdown and supplanting legitimate files with the virus.

This new virus mails itself to everyone on an infected computer's Microsoft Outlook address book, consequently allowing outside parties to view personal files. Thomas Cutter, director of Systems and Network Services, reports that his team at Middlebury has "cleaned up close to 38,000 files on our server that were spewed."

While officials met in Washington, D.C., on Friday to try to understand and decode Nimda, the staff of Middlebury's Information and Technology Department was working "pretty much nonstop all week" according to Cutter.

Five of Middlebury's main Web servers were infected with the new worm.

It was difficult to quarantine the virus throughout the clean-up process because personal computers that belong to faculty, students and staff continued to infect the main servers. The Information and Technology staff

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Campus Groups Mobilize to Assist in Relief Effort

By Claire Bourne
News Editor

Two weeks after deadly terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., campus organizations and offices continue to brainstorm what they can do to aid relief efforts.

Students have already expressed the desire to help by waiting for up to six hours to donate blood in the days following the events of Sept. 11, while a well-attended community-wide memorial service on Friday, Sept. 14 affirmed awareness among members of student body, faculty, staff, administration and townspeople.

Extending a Hand

The attempt to comprehend and to grapple not only with what happened on that Tuesday morning but what might happen in current days, weeks and months has not ceased, and neither has students' inclination to assist those affected.

According to Tiffany Sargent, director of service learning and student employment, the Volunteer Services Organization in conjunction with the Student Employment Office and the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs provided the resources to make the white ribbons distributed at the Sept. 14 memorial service. In addition, $1,644.08 was collected at the door as a donation for Red Cross Disaster Relief/9-11.

According to Student Government Association (SGA) President Brian Elworthy '02.5, SGA is taking steps to sponsor a blood drive every semester. "While some blood drives already occur, [SGA is] trying to solidify an on-going relationship with Red Cross," Sargent commented.

"What we're really doing," said Elworthy, "is looking ahead and attempting to make the statement that Middlebury students will not forget what they can do when there is a national crisis."

Similarly, the Otter Nonsense Players, Middlebury's improvisational comedy group, has decided to turn a 24-hour event scheduled last year for Oct. 5 to Oct. 6 into a fundraiser. According to Lead Otter Tara Giordano '02, the Otters wanted to do a show to raise money and decided that their already-scheduled daylong event was the "perfect" opportunity.

From 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5 until 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6, the Otters will perform alongside Columbia University's improvisational group "Two Left Feet" and an a cappella group from Colgate Uni-

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Harmful Alcohol-Related Behavior on Decline

Survey Indicates Further Need to Address Alcohol Use, Abuse on Campus

NEWS analysis

By Claire Bourne
News Editor

A recent study of alcohol-related trends among Middlebury College students conducted by Director of Health and Wellness Yonna McShane indicates that the student body as a whole is making more informed choices about alcohol consumption and related behavior. Compared to McShane's 1995 and 1998 reports, this year's survey reveals that instances of drunk driving, riding with a drunk driver, unprotected sex and unplanned sex have all decreased.

Nonetheless, dorm damage, hard alcohol consumption, excessive drinking and assault, sexual or not, still present problems for the College's student community.

The Methodology and Criteria

In April 2001, McShane distributed questionnaires to 400 randomly selected students, a sample she said was "representative [of the student body] in regard to gender and class size," and upon achieving a "very good" 70 percent return rate, she generated statistics with the 280 usable surveys.

Though some may consider the pool of responses a rather small one, McShane explained that 400 is "a large survey size." Most other studies conducted at a school of Middlebury's size draw from a sample size of 200.

In addition to the alcohol survey, McShane also administers the CORE study, which employs a sample size of 600 and includes several questions about alcohol use.

"The results from the alcohol data generated from the CORE study have been comparable to the alcohol study results which adds to our confidence that the results are applicable to the student community and not just the sample," she maintained.

According to McShane, a binge drinker is classified as a male who consumes five or more drinks in a row on at least one occasion in the two weeks before the survey was conducted, or a woman who consumes four or more drinks under the same criteria. Frequent binge

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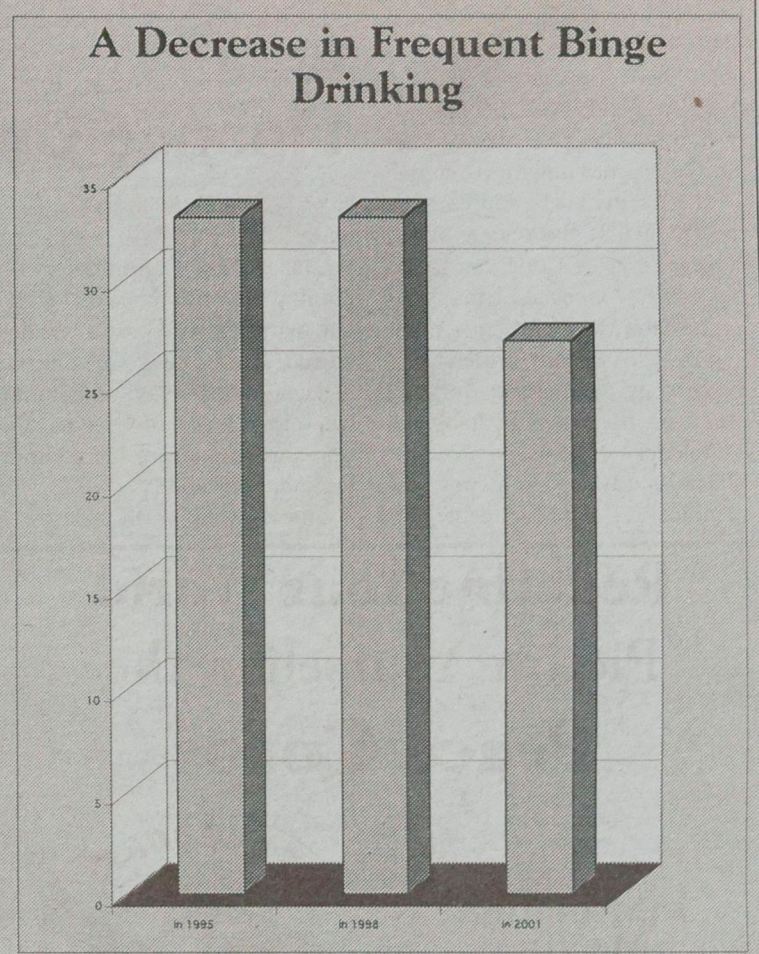

Director of Health and Wellness Education Yonna McShane's 2001 alcohol study indicates a slight drop in the number of frequent binge drinkers among students from 33 percent in 1995 and 1998 to 27 percent in 2001.

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Broad Issues Dominate First Meeting

By Ashley Elpern
Editor-in-Chief

The 2001-2002 Middlebury College Community Council met yesterday to establish their agenda for the coming year and to introduce this year's members. Erica Rosenthal '02, student co-chair of Community Council (SC-COCC) and Ann Hanson, dean of student affairs and co-chair presided over the meeting and introduced the main agenda items that will be continued from last year's Council.

The Council is comprised of 11 students: six voting student members, two students who will act as alternate voters, a recording secretary, the SC-COCC and Brian Elworthy '02.5, Student Government Association (SGA) president. There are two faculty representatives, two staff representatives and members of the administration.

Rosenthal expressed enthusiasm with the degree of student interest in the Council. She said that originally 30 students applied for the Council, with 20 deciding to go through the interview process. Rosenthal and Sara Schuman '02.5, director of membership in the SGA conducted the interviews, "looking for vocal people who would be willing to express their opinions," said Rosenthal.

"We also wanted to be able to have representation from different classes, genders and students with diverse interests," she said.

Although only six students have a vote on the Council, Rosenthal said that the presence of 11 students is important so that student opinion can be heard by the faculty, staff and administration.

As a student who started on the Council as an alternate, Rosenthal said that being an alternate is a good way to introduce newer students to the forum. "They can still voice their opinions and make a difference," she said. "It is a nice opportunity to get involved early and have experience for years to come."

The first item to be addressed by the Council is the review of the College's Honor Code conducted last year by Associate Dean of Student Affairs Marichal Gentry in response to Assistant Professor of Psychology Augustus Jordan's study on the cheating habits of Middlebury students.

The study recommends the combination of the student judicial council and the judicial review board to create a single Academic Judicial Board to hear all cases of academic honesty. A Community Judicial Board would have jurisdiction over non-academic conduct infractions and the Judicial Appeals Board would hear appeals of the decisions from both boards.

"I am glad that we are taking up the honor code early," said Kevin F. King '02, the only returning member to the Council besides Rosenthal. "The Community Council is a good forum to make changes although it cannot dictate legislation." King believes that the best way to make the honor code work is to make students more aware of the code, through focusing on its important in first-year seminars.

Eric Davis, secretary of the College and professor of political science will address the Council at next week's meeting in Old Chapel 206 regarding its part in the honor code review process.

The next issue will be to review last year's experiment to permit social houses to register parties for five hours, allowing an extra keg of beer to be opened during the last hour and prohibiting hard alcohol at such parties. Community Council worked in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety to establish this trial policy.

Public Safety officials and the staff of the Parton Health Center would like to have a full year's supply of data from the trial before deciding on a concrete policy.

Rosenthal stressed "the need to discuss where the policy stands, to continue it as an experiment, to expand it to the College community or to end it." She said that more time should be taken to gather data on the impact of the policy. "The goal is to get hard alcohol off of campus, which will lead to a decline of students going to the Health Center," she said.

The review of social and academic interest houses conducted last year by members of the council is important as well. These houses had not been reviewed for several years and Community Council would like to discuss ways to alter the review process so that the membership of the houses will understand how they are being evaluated. Rosenthal said she hopes Community Council can give more student input in the review process.

A review of the state of lounges and television lounges on campus is another item carried over from last year. "The important issue is to allow equal numbers of television lounges within each commons," Hanson said at the meeting. The council may recommend a system with a prescribed ratio of students to lounges.

Becky Ruby '01.5 hopes to work on improving this issue, as she stressed the "need for common space for students." Ruby is also interested in looking into creating equity between the commons dealing with housing and room draw. "I am glad to get to help foster a discussion about non-academic issues on campus that affect daily student life," said Ruby.

A new position this year will be the student liaison to the Commons Administration Office. Joseph Palombo '04 will act as the liaison to give the Council's suggestions and ideas to the office, hoping to make the room draw policy more conducive to students.

New issues include increasing communication between students, faculty, staff and the community, creating more housing and commons equity and addressing handbook language regarding harassment.

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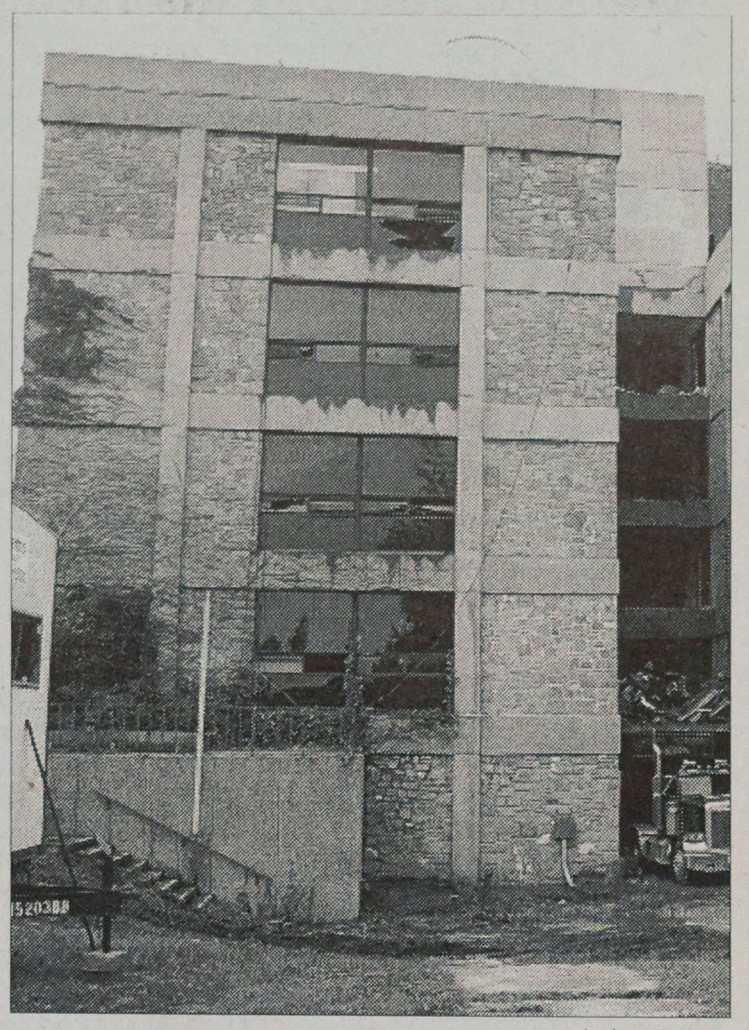
Demo Derby



Andrew Corrigan

Looking drab and defeated during Tuesday's rain, *the old science center continued to be deconstructed.*

Members of Community Council

STUDENTS	FACULTY, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATORS
Koby Spio '01.5	Doug Adams
Erin Sullivan '04.5	Jaye Roseborough
Amer Barghouth '05	Mike Knapp
Kevin F. King '02	Myra Richmond
Michael Silberman '02.5	Mark Williams
Becky Ruby '01.5	Ann Hanson
Joseph Palombo '04	David Castruovo
Derek Mahoney '04	Mike Schoenfeld
Brian Elworthy '02.5	Tim Spears
Stefanie Beyer '02	

Finance Committee Looks Ahead to Banner Year

By Becky Ruby
Staff Writer

The Finance Committee is beginning the new school year with a few new members, and a few new attitudes and ideas. Kaia Laursen '02, chair of the Finance Committee, said that one of her goals this year was to increase the committee's approachability.

She also expressed a desire to have a more diverse Finance Committee membership. Laursen said she had been working over the summer and during these first two weeks of school with Student Government Association (SGA) President Brian Elworthy '02.5 on these changes.

Laursen said that the Finance Committee had one of the most diverse and qualified applicant pools this year that she could remember.

The three newly elected Finance Committee members are Marla Weinstein '03, Matthew Meyer '05 and Asha Johnson '02.

Laursen said she was very pleased with the new members elected to the committee. "We have a good mix of classes, interests, and student activities represented by highly qualified people," she said.

Elworthy agreed with Laursen. "I am very pleased to see that Finance Committee is becoming more representative of the student body. I agreed that diversifying the composition of the committee was a positive thing."

With the newly elected Finance Committee members in place, Laursen said she was looking forward to a productive year.

"One of the overarching goals for this year is increased interaction with student organizations," said Laursen. "We want people to think of us as an accountable, transparent organization."

Newly elected member Meyer agreed with this idea. "I hope, as I get to know more people, I will get a broad range of feedback from students as to where they wish their money to go," said Meyer via e-mail.

The Finance Committee has a busy year ahead of it. Laursen said that the Committee was implementing several new initiatives to help make the it more accessible and friendly to student organizations.

Laursen said that the Finance Committee was working to computerize the fund requesting system. This would allow for a more streamlined process of distributing budgeted money, as well as save organization treasurers the walk to McCullough to fill out request forms.

The Finance Committee will also review the student stipends process. Laursen said that the committee has already been flooded with requests for student stipends for activities such as Winter Carnival, the SGA, and MCAB.

Over the summer, Laursen and Elworthy worked together to distribute more discretionary funding to student organizations. Laursen said that she looked forward to receiving feedback from students on this initiative.

"This new tone set for the Finance Committee works well with the overall reforms Kaia and I have been working on this year," said Elworthy. "I think the new discretionary funding given to student organizations is a step in the right direction."

So far, these new Finance Committee attitudes and initiatives seem to be gladly accepted. The Finance Committee held an open meeting last week to explain the budgeting and fund-requesting process to student organization presidents and treasurers. Laursen said 25 student groups were represented at the meeting.

The Finance Committee will not longer meet in Freeman Seminar Room. Instead, their meetings will be held in the newly appointed student activity center in the Crest Room.

"We're looking forward to a very exciting and positive year to come," said Laursen. "I encourage anyone who has thoughts, concerns or suggestions to please come to me."

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College Rabbi Fills Religious, Spiritual Gap Between Town, Gown

By Tim McCahill
News Editor

With almost four months at Middlebury under his belt, Associate Chaplain Rabbi Ira Schiffer has already become a visible presence within and beyond Middlebury College's boundaries.

Schiffer, who officially began his post on July 1, has spent much of his time recently offering counseling to members of the College community affected by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C. His introduction to Middlebury, however, began on a substantially lighter note.

In an interview Tuesday afternoon Schiffer recounted how he had been contacted by the Chaplain's Office soon after returning from Har Halutz, Israel, where he had been working and living with his family for the last five years, to officiate at a wedding at Mead Chapel for two College alumni.

He mentioned that serving as rabbi at such on occasion was a "nice way to start" the work he had ahead of him.

Throughout July and August Schiffer met with Middlebury administrators and faculty, and was in e-mail contact with members of the Jewish student organization Hillel.

Since Schiffer is also charged with being the head of educational matters at Havurah, the Middlebury-based Addison County Jewish organization, he spent significant time during the summer formulating educational plans for children and adults, which he hopes to initiate at the center's school.

Stemming originally from two complementary reports drafted in 1999 by Hillel and the Human Relations Committee (HRC) which cited the growing demand for "religious advisers" on campus as well as the need for "expertise to organize regular worship services for Shabbat morning and Jewish holidays" on the part of the Jewish students' organization, Schiffer's "town-gown" position is a first for the College.

I look forward to helping continue to build bridges between both communities, giving each the opportunity to further benefit from the other.
— Rabbi Ira Schiffer

In addition to heading educational affairs at the Havurah school, Schiffer has also become a part of the Middlebury Ministerium, a consortium of town religious leaders.

"I view my position as reclaiming a part of Middlebury College's past when staff and administrators played large roles within the community," the rabbi explained.

He noted as "particularly gratifying" the opportunity to be part of the Sept. 14 memorial service that was organized by the College in conjunction with town civic and religious leaders.

"I look forward to helping continue to build bridges between both communities, giving each the opportunity to further benefit from the other," the rabbi said in an e-mail sent to *The Campus* over the summer.

Schiffer's educational and professional backgrounds speak to his ability to manage religious affairs in the space where college and local communities overlap. As a rabbinical student at Temple Beth El in Newark, Del., Schiffer worked with a "small congregation" that "also served as the Hillel for Jewish students at the University of Delaware," he wrote in the same e-mail.

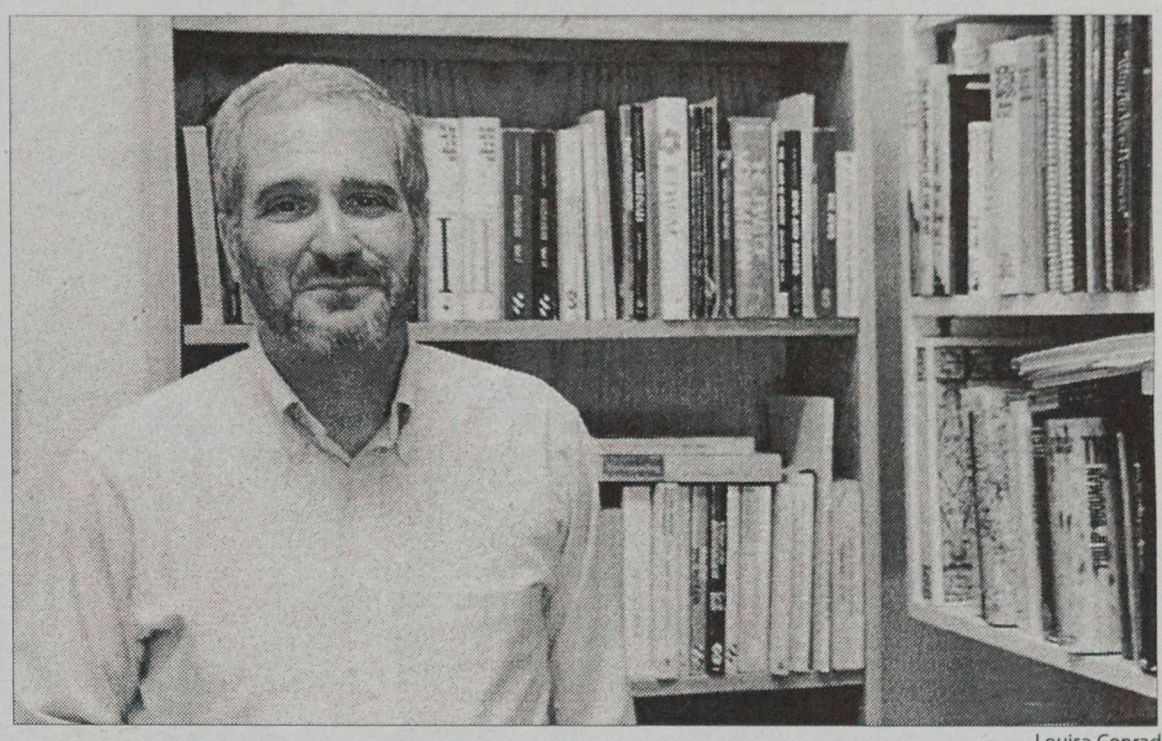
"The ten years I spent in Newark were a wonderful experience of small university town and a good introduction to town-gown relations," Schiffer explained in the letter.

From Delaware Schiffer moved on to serve at the Beth Am Synagogue in Baltimore, where his congregation also included many Johns Hopkins University and University of Maryland professors and students.

At Beth Am Schiffer helped to "[initiate] an outreach program to stay in touch with the congregation's college students," and also "was an active participant in interfaith studies at the Institute for Christian-Jewish Studies."

Over the last five years the rabbi "taught both Jewish and non-Jewish college students on study and volunteer programs in Israel."

Schiffer said that he hopes Middlebury students will continue to "be supportive" of the College's commitment to promoting religious diversity on campus while "exploring their own personal religious tradition."



Louisa Conrad

Associate Chaplain Rabbi Ira Schiffer has had a busy first few weeks at Middlebury College with the tragedy at the World Trade Center calling on him to speak at memorials and console students.

Technology Personnel Resolve Threat to System

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was able to identify the students whose computers were carrying the virus through the students' Internet Protocol (IP) numbers. Students were called and told that if they did not respond quickly, Middlebury would be forced to cancel their account. According to Mary Backus, director of ITS Outreach and Customer Services, all the students contacted were very cooperative.

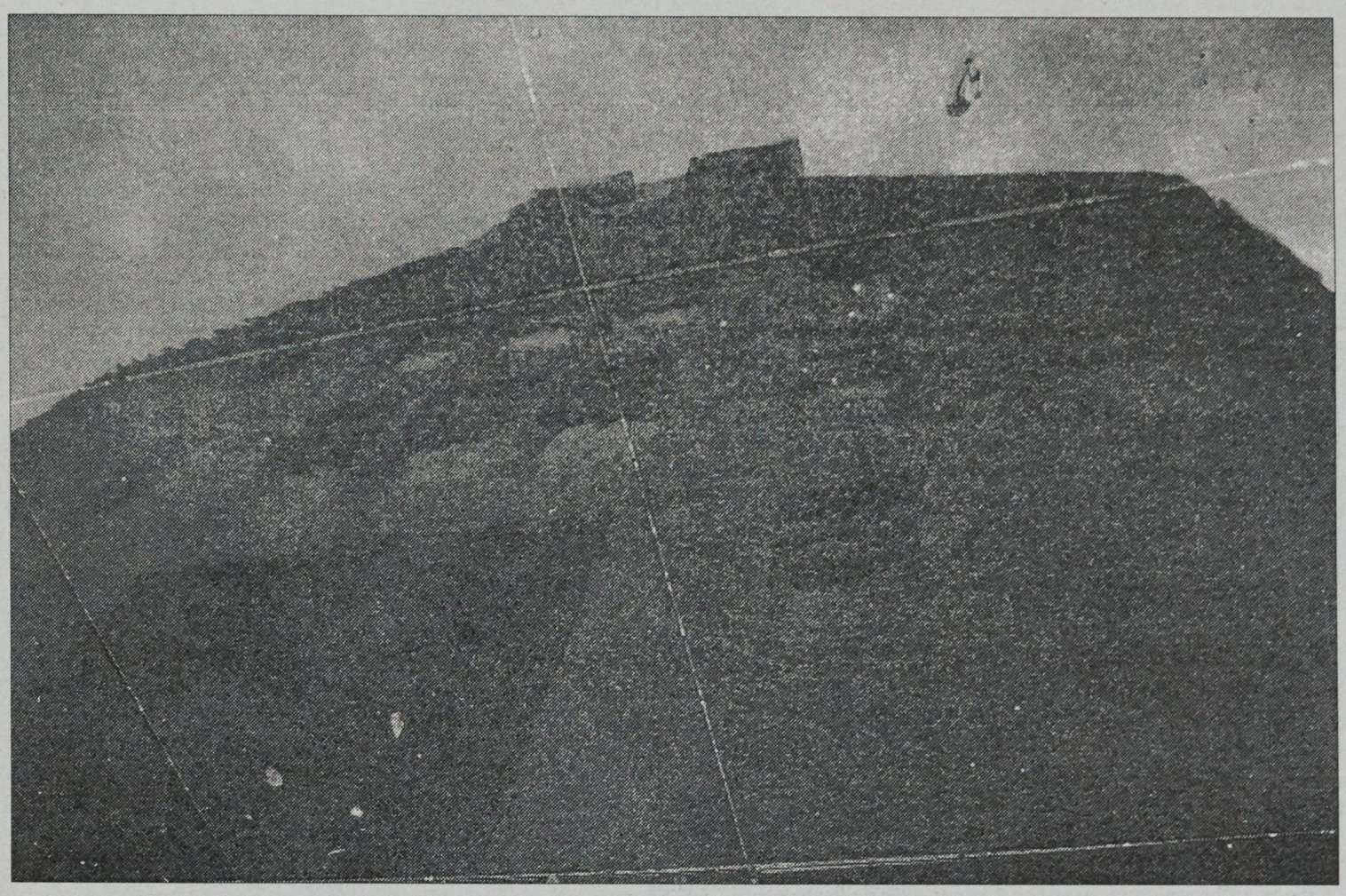
Middlebury does provide virus protection but many members of the community do not take advantage of the free benefit or do not realize the importance of frequent software upgrades. Virus protection programs are constantly being improved so that they are able to effectively block the latest strain of viruses, necessitating periodic upgrades, Backus explained.

"One of the good things about a virus like this," she commented, "is that it heightens people's awareness." She hopes that now more people will realize how important it is to guard their personal computers against the latest bug.

Destroying Nimda has already been costly, demanding both monetary funds and hours of manpower. The individual or group that created the worm has yet to be tracked down, however. Law enforcement officials have thus far been unsuccessful in their search for clues to the complicated viruses' origin.

"It could be anyone," Cutter said, "from a bored high school student to an individual with something to gain or prove by writing a virus. It's just hard to say."

Muddled Puddle



Andrew Corrigan

Reflecting in the water of a puddle outside its entrance, *Bicentennial Hall towers up into the sky gray from the water running down its sides on a rainy Tuesday afternoon at Middlebury College.*

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Redeemed Bottles to Relieve Those Affected by Sept. 11 Attacks

By Nicha Rakpanichmanee
Staff Writer

In response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Middlebury College's Dining Services are sponsoring a community-wide bottle drive, collecting proceeds from redeemable bottles and cans for The September 11th Fund.

This fund, established by the United Way and The New York Community Trust, aids nationwide emergency assistance efforts and longer-term support for victims of the attacks.

Because the success of the Middlebury bottle drive went beyond original expectations, it has been extended until October 11.

The drive has raised over $500 since it began last week. "I knew it'd do well because it's such a needy cause," said Dining Services' Catering Coordinator Mary Reed, who is coordinating the effort. "But $500 in six days is awesome! It makes me really proud of people."

Reed arranged for collection bins in over 24 locations around the College, from dining halls to office buildings and dormitories.

Through personal connections, Reed has also managed to place collection bins in some local schools and businesses.

Additionally, posters at the Middlebury Discount Beverage and Redemption Center encourage people to donate their redeemables to the College-sponsored drive.

As with the town blood drive, participation in this latest initiative has been energetic. Dining Services has been donating all of its bottles, and many staff members have been bringing bags of bottles from home. Bins from Mead Chapel alone generated well over $100 in one week. According to Reed, bins at Stewart and Gifford Halls were the fullest this past weekend. "This drive has been the biggest, in the shortest time," commented Joe Cotroneo of the Middlebury Beverage Center, where donations from community members range from 15 cents to $28.

"There are a lot of people who want to help after what happened," explained Dawn Sumner, cold food supervisor at Proctor Hall. Sumner helped to spark the fundraising idea. "But some of them can't give blood, and some can't do much financially. I've helped with bottle drives for my son's school, so I know from experience. It's something everybody has and doesn't mind parting with."

To take full advantage of the remaining two weeks of the bottle drive, Reed said she hopes to increase student involvement.

"Anyone who can't find a bin, let me know and I'll put a bin in the building," she adds. "And I'll be happy to have volunteers, with pick-up or distribution of bins. It would be great if we could get volunteers for each building on campus to call me, so we can collect the bins when they're full."

For those who want to help but live outside Middlebury, Reed suggested setting up a drive and combining the donations.

"I can remember my parents telling me about different sacrifices people made for war," she remarks. "We can't roll bandages right now ... But this is a great way to get involved as a community. It's a great way to clean up the campus, too."

Bottle Drop-off Locations

Allen lounge
Palana kitchen
Dana Auditorium
Kirk Alumni Center
Freeman FIC Silo
Hamlin FIC Silo
The Grille lounge
McCullough Social Space
Stewart Hall lounge
Hepburn Hall lounge
Bicentennial Hall, 2nd floor
Old Chapel
Adirondack Library
Parton Health Center
Coffrin Hall 1st floor lounge
Ross Hall 1st floor lounge
Meeker House board room
Emma Willard House basement
Lower Forest Hall laundry room
Forest Hall 1st floor

Eric Skovsted

Andrea St. John '03.5 and Julie Baroody '03.5 gather bottles from Weybridge House to benefit Dining Services' campaign to raise money for the September 11th Fund.

Groups Unite to Extend Helping Hand

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versity in a variety of locations on campus like Pearsons, McCullough and the Gamut Room and maybe even on the green in town. The Mischords have expressed interest in participating, as have Tim Brownell '02 and his Middle Ground Theater, a performance group comprised of 40 local children.

Sargent pointed out, "One of the best ways we could help would be to sponsor trips to New York City to help boost its economy."

Simply staying in a hotel, eating in a restaurant and attending a Broadway show could help. "To this end," she continued, "the Commons or student organizations might follow suit."

She also mentioned that Manhattan Borough Commissioner with the City of New York Parks and Recreation Adrian Benepe '78.5 would be "coming to campus [on Oct. 10] despite the difficult times in the city" to interview prospective students through the Career Services Office. Sargent said that Benepe has decided not to postpone his trip because "never before has he felt that public service work was more important."

Due to her correspondence with Benepe, Sargent concluded that the College needed to explore the prospect of a collective fundraiser.

She said she hoped a collaborative effort among the commons, social houses, sports teams and student organizations, to name a few campus groups, would soon materialize.

Simply staying in a hotel, eating in a restaurant and attending a Broadway show in New York could help boost the city's economy.

Facilitating Communication Throughout Larger College Community

The moments after the Sept. 11 events, messages began to flow steadily through Middtalk, an e-mail forum serving the Middlebury alumni community. Inquiries about New York and Washington-based graduates and notes from alumni assuring everyone of their well-being flooded subscribers' inboxes.

According to Director of Public Affairs Phil Benoit, posting a Website with up-to-the-minute information and communication seemed the "logical" thing to do. As news of alumni reached Benoit, a subscriber to Middtalk, he used all accessible resources to confirm reports of those missing and those considered casualties before compiling the lists that currently appear on the site.

After the information was posted, Benoit said he received over a dozen messages expressing gratitude.

In a time of uncertainty, alumni were relieved to have a reliable source of information about other members of the community.

A link on the College's homepage to updated information concerning the College's connection to the attacks of Sept. 11 will remain for at least the next week, Benoit said, since interest has not yet shown any signs of waning.

Talking About Terrorism

Pam Chew

On Friday, Sept. 21 the College sponsored a public forum entitled "The Terrorist Attacks: Understanding What Happened and Where We Go From Here." The forum consisted of two lengthy panel discussions made up of Middlebury faculty and students. "Terrorism: The American Ordeal," the title of the first panel session, included discussions by Michael E. Geisler, professor of German and associate dean of the faculty; Walid Saleh, assistant professor of religion, as well as Middlebury students Eli Sugarman '02 and Laura Burke '02.5. Kate Sonderegger, professor of religion, moderated the discussion and contributed her perspective on the events of Sept. 11 in her introductory remarks. The session was formally opened by Dean of Faculty Robert Schine.

David Stoll, assistant professor of sociology/anthropology, Russell Leng, James Jermain Professor of Political Economy and Political Science, Sara Schuman '02.5 and Adil Husan '01.5 spoke at the evening session entitled "Terrorism and the Global Community." The discussion was moderated by Madeleine Kunin, Middlebury College Bicentennial scholar-in-residence, former United States ambassador to Switzerland and former governor of Vermont.

NESCAC Presidents Meet, Address Conference Rules

NESCAC Schools Delay Abolition of At-Large Bid for NCAA Tournaments

By Ashley Elpern
Editor-in-Chief

The structure of the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) tournament and NCAA at-large bids for NESCAC teams were addressed at the NESCAC Presidents' meeting in Boston last Thursday. The presidents approved the Athletic Directors recommendation regarding current NESCAC tournament structure and will eliminate mid-week play, effective this year.

The seven-team tournaments will be maintained without mid-week play, with the exception of men's and women's basketball this year only. Each NESCAC sport will be reviewed by looking at sports schedules and the length of the season, with the executive committee developing new tournament models for each sport for the 2002-2003 season, including the criteria of no mid-week play.

Of a greater importance to the Middlebury College community was the collective decision to suspend the prohibition of NESCAC teams accepting at-large bids to enter NCAA tournament play for the 2001-2002 season. NESCAC teams will once again be permitted to accept at-large bids this year, allowing a greater number of teams to prolong their post-season play. In addition, NESCAC team participation in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) has effectively been ended.

One at-large bid, a team with an impressive regular season record that did not win the NESCAC tournament, would still be allowed to enter the NCAA tournament.

The History of NESCAC teams in the NCAA Tournament

NESCAC teams have been participating in the NCAA tournament for eight seasons, said Russell Reilly, director of athletics at the College. Before this, the farthest the teams could go was the ECAC tournament, which did not bring NESCAC teams the national recognition in the NCAA Division Three rankings that they now hold.

Following the 1992 to 1993 season, Reilly said that the NESCAC Presidents voted to allow a three-year trial period in which their teams could compete on a national level. This was extended after the first three-year trial was successful in giving NESCAC teams the experience of national competition. In these years, any NESCAC team with a high enough regular season record could go on to the NCAA tournament, allowing for success such as the Middlebury's men's ice hockey team five consecutive NCAA championships.

In 1998, the end of the second trial period of unlimited NESCAC participation, the NESCAC presidents decided that the special recognition for outstanding play was being diminished as so many teams continued on to the post season in either the NCAA tournament, ECAC or both.

"Our concern was that the tournaments played too prominent a role and that more focus should be placed upon the regular season," said Middlebury President John McCardell. The Presidents then decided to implement a three-year period of round robin play, in which all NESCAC sports teams would play each other. At the end of the period, the teams would no longer participate in the ECAC tournament, often the consolation victory for teams not continuing to the NCAAs.

Most importantly for powerhouse sports teams, a NESCAC tournament would be held at the end of the regular season to determine one representative from NESCAC that would be the automatic qualifier for the NCAA tournament. This was implemented in the 1999-2000 season and lasted until the 2001-2002 season. One at-large bid, a team with an impressive regular season record that did not win the NESCAC tournament, would be allowed to enter the NCAA tournament if the sport provided for such a bid in the tournament bracket.

The Implementation Process

The mood at the NESCAC president's meeting was constructive and cooperative, said McCardell, as the presidents were in tune with the issues facing their institutions.

"We were all aware of individual institution's concerns, trying to find a proper balance between the authority of the conference and the needs of its members," he said.

Following the presidents' decision, the NCAA modified its tournament selection process by reducing the amount of at-large bids, said McCardell. The NCAA brought itself closer to "a more limited and special" tournament, McCardell continued. "This supported the NESCAC presidents' claim that the regular season is what matters and that going on to the NCAA tournament should be a privilege. We realized that as fewer teams would already be going on, we should declare a victory."

A concern also arose regarding the amount of class time lost with extended post-season play and the fact that NESCAC schools should put strong focus on academics. The decision to limit the NESCAC tournament play to the weekend, with the exception of men's and women's basketball, came out of this discussion.

In return for the dramatic reduction of at-large bids, McCardell said that no real damage was done to the NESCAC conference as a whole but that the real damage was done to institutions that wanted to accept bids but could not due to each sport's tournament structure.

The presidents "wisely decided" to postpone the abolishment of the at-large bid, said McCardell.

Voices from the Athletic Department and Athletes

Reilly highlighted the NCAAs restructuring as permitting the NESCAC Presidents' plan to run smoothly.

"The Presidents' Council of the NCAA attempted to allow for more equitable access to the tournament for conferences throughout the nation, not just those in the East," he said. "Their decision to accept the automatic qualifier [the winner of each division's tournament] assured that not just the high profile teams would be selected."

This reduced the number of teams selected from any one conference at large, as previously a few teams with high regular seasons would automatically advance.

"The presidents did make the decision that only one NESCAC team would go to the NCAAs, and that should have been this year," said Reilly. "I don't think anybody envisioned that the NESCAC would have so much success."

Reilly said that McCardell has been very open with him about the process and that the entire Athletic Department has worked hard to point out the large impact that decreasing the ability to enter the NCAA tournament would have on Middlebury athletics and the College community.

He was "pleasantly surprised" that the restriction of NESCAC post-season play was postponed for a year.

William Beaney, Middlebury's ice hockey and golf team coach, said that the best way to give every team a chance to go on to post-season play is to have a conference championship, allowing "the best team to go into national play."

"We want our athletes to compete on a national level but we want to make it special to be involved in the NCAA," said Beaney.

On the topic of at-large bids, Beaney pointed out that had the men's ice hockey team lost in the NESCAC championship, they most likely would have gone on to the NCAA tournament as they were ranked fifth in the nation for Division III schools.

The Williams men's soccer team, which Middlebury defeated in the NESCAC championship, went on to the NCAA tournament by receiving an at-large bid and ended up defeating the Panthers in the tournament playoffs, said Beaney.Beaney said that he thinks NESCAC teams should continue to participate in the NCAA tournament because the institutions "want students to compete at the highest academic and athletic levels."

Women's ice hockey team member Megan Hutchinson '02 commented that although it is nice to have a large representation of NESCAC teams go on to postseason play, she thinks it at times goes too far and understands the rationale behind limiting the tournament pool.

Conor Shapiro '03, a member of the men's soccer team, said, "It's always nice to go to the ECAC tournament, as we have before because we want to win more games as a team, but the NCAA tournament is the most important one" that the team looks forward to. He supports the at-large bid for this reason, as the team would want every opportunity to participate.

Christian Carlsson '02 of the men's ice hockey team concurred that the at-large bid is important in the NESCAC. "It is a good idea to have the winner automatically go" to the NCAA tournament "but you can have one bad game and if you rank well up there in the league, your team should still be able to go" to the NCAA.

The Game of Life at NESCAC schools

With recent media attention to the role that athletics plays upon college admissions, discussed in James L. Shulman's "The Game of Life," and in the *New York Times Magazine*, colleges have been addressing their own admissions processes in regards to athletic and other talents.

McCardell pointed to the Andrew W. Mellon Institute's current research, which is studying athletics at NESCAC schools in a variety of venues to assess the extent to which athletics affect life on college campuses.

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"It is a very thorough statistical study with highly advanced research," he said.

Reilly noted, "We admit students for many reasons, and I believe they all go on to succeed in the classroom. I think that at Middlebury we are fortunate to have a coaching staff that believes in the mission of Middlebury, and athletics are just a part of the whole

Bike Break

Louisa Conrad

Taking advantage of some warm weather and sunshine, *students were found outside this past weekend, studying, playing frisbee or just relaxing on the grass around campus.*

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Alcohol Survey Reveals Notable Drop in Frequent Binge Drinking

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drinkers are therefore defined as those who drink in this way at least three times in the 14-day period prior to being surveyed.

In order to render the results as accurate as possible, McShane noted that she made sure to avoid conducting the survey within two weeks of high drinking periods such as Spring Break and Winter Carnival weekend.

The Findings

McShane's survey confirms that beer is Middlebury students' alcoholic beverage of choice. When asked what they drank when they drank, 73 to 83 percent of study participants said they preferred beer. This number was consistent among all four classes.

On the other hand, McShane discovered a considerable discrepancy between first-years' and seniors' hard alcohol consumption. She found that five percent of seniors surveyed chose to take shots of hard alcohol, where as 21 percent of first-year students indulged in the same behavior.

The topic of hard alcohol on campus was addressed at length last year by Community Council in what Brian Elworthy '02.5, current Student Government Association president and then-student co-chair of Community Council, called "an informative discussion" among faculty, students and administrators.

The Council then "tailored a proposal" to address the consumption of hard alcohol on campus and its ramifications — trips to the health center and to Porter Hospital. As a result of these meetings, a new alcohol policy stating that no hard liquor would be served at open social house in exchange for an extra keg of beer has been instituted for a two-year trial period. According to Elworthy, it is "working well" so far, as the following survey results suggest.

Seventy-three percent of those surveyed said they "chose not to be frequent binge drinkers," up from 67 percent in 1995 and 1998, while one-third claimed to abstain from drinking or drink more than once a week, at the least.

Frequent binge drinkers are 31 times more likely to drive drunk, 4.5 times more as likely to engage in unplanned sexual intercourse and seven times more likely to engage in high risk unprotected sex "compared to Middlebury students who drink but not in a binge fashion," said McShane.

Although national statistics indicate that alcohol-related destructive behavior among college students such as property damage and high-risk sexual behavior is on the rise, cases of drunk driving, unprotected sex and unplanned sex, as reported in Spring 2001, have dropped since 1995 when McShane first looked at alcohol trends at Middlebury (see graph).

Despite these positive developments, the data still reveals a handful of significant problems.

Two percent of women surveyed disclosed that they had been date raped or assaulted, with the majority of these incidents involving alcohol.

Dorm damage and violent behavior continue to trouble the College. McShane's study showed a decline in the number of students reporting that they had damaged others' or school property while intoxicated, that they had had to pay for property damage committed by drinking students and that they have seen their halls trashed.

Nevertheless, nine percent of those surveyed admitted to damaging dorms while under the influence, a statistic inconsistent with the 94 to 95 percent disapproval rate concerning this type of behavior.

Nineteen percent said they had been pushed, hit or assaulted in an alcohol-related incident. This past weekend, several incidents of pushing, shoving and verbal abuse affirmed that alcohol-related violence remains a periodic problem at the College.

Director of Public Safety Lisa Boudah confirmed that the students involved had been drinking. She continued, "I feel comfortable in saying that the majority of incidents that have ended up in violence and hostility [in recent years] have involved alcohol."

She recognized the tie between hostile behavior and alcohol as a "concern on campus as well as in our larger society," saying that the Department of Public Safety was doing its best to regularly patrol dorms and parties in addition to being on call to respond to problems as they arise.

The Right to Choose

Before 1995, only 15 rooms on campus were designated as "substance-free." When 12 percent of the student body expressed an interest in living on a substance-free hall, the College expanded the program.

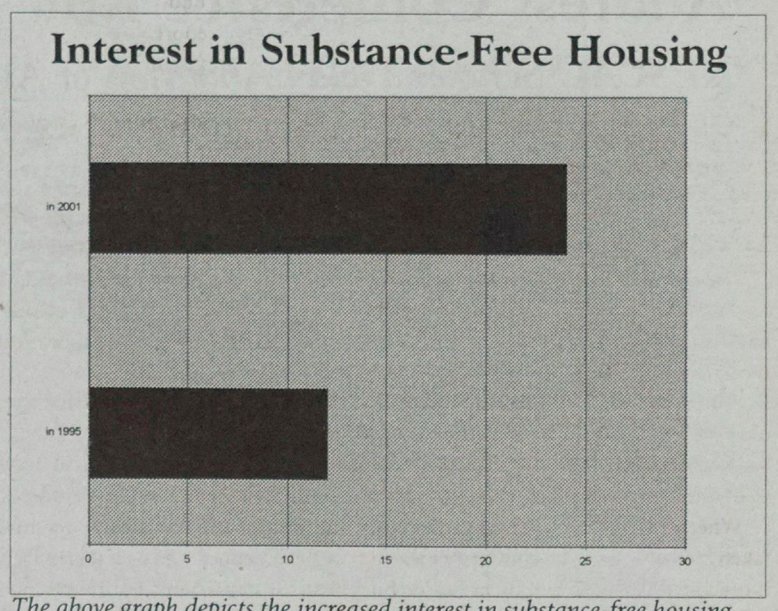
That number has increased so much so that during Spring 2001 room draw 50 students were denied substance-free rooms due to sheer numbers. The argument has been made that drawing into rooms through the substance-free draw not only facilitates the act of switching Commons but also increases the chances of getting a "nicer" room.

McShane's findings dispute these claims. The 2001 survey reveals that almost a quarter of the student body would prefer to live in a designated "alcohol-free living area" where drinking was not allowed. Just under half of students would choose to live on "quiet halls" where they could make choices to drink or not and would "agree not to use alcohol in the residence or have a negative impact on the other residents as a result of alcohol use," as the language of the survey stated.

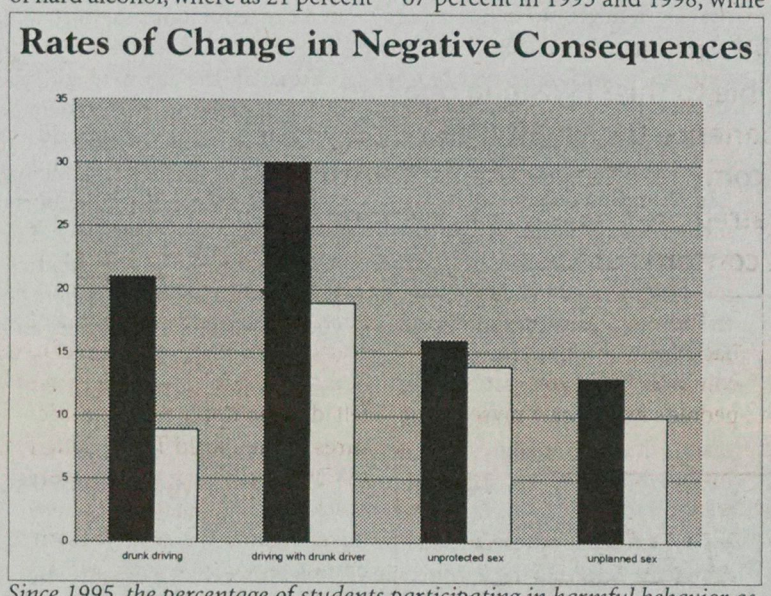
This student initiative, said McShane, is a step in the right direction. "It's good news," she asserted, referring not only to the increased interest in substance-free housing but also to the over-all decrease in alcohol-related destructive behavior and percentage of frequent binge drinkers. "The College is moving out of the highest risk group in terms of frequent binge drinkers, and students are living a system of values."

She cited the founding of Xenia, the College's substance-free social house, as "a watershed event," pointing out that it enabled the social house system to represent a range of student living preferences.

She stressed the fact that Middlebury was "flying in the face of national trends," adding that she hoped this tendency towards more informed decisions would continue.



The above graph depicts the increased interest in substance-free housing between 1995 and 2001. Six years ago, 12 percent of the student body expressed a desire to live in an "alcohol-free living area." Today that number has risen to 24 percent.



Since 1995, the percentage of students participating in harmful behavior as a result of alcohol consumption has decreased. The black bars indicate the percentages of the student body engaging in drunk driving, riding with a drunk driver, unprotected sex and unplanned sex in 1995. The white represents the percentages in 2001.

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Community Council Sets Agenda for Year

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Two years ago, King began to work within the SGA to readdress the Handbook language dealing with the College's harassment policy. King sees the current language as leaving anyone open to being cited for harassment if their words or actions offend others, even if those words or actions were unintentional.

"The core of what we do at Middlebury is for the free exchange of ideas," said King. "This is certainly no way to live." King began the sexual harassment review committee two years ago, which was completed last year by other members of the SGA. The review's recommendations for a change in Handbook language have not yet been submitted, but King points out that as the Council has jurisdiction over all Handbook language, it is a proper place to continue the discussion.

Rosenthal said that with the strong composition of the Council, she looks forward to a productive and successful year.

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Editorial

Mending Our Habits

The recently published 2001 Middlebury College Alcohol Study by Yonna McShane and the Office of Wellness and Health Education reports that while binge drinking is widely evident on the Middlebury College campus, an overall increase in student alcohol awareness and a decline in the engagement of dangerous alcohol-related activities is strikingly evident. For students, it may be difficult to believe these statistics, since nearly every Middlebury student can spout off the names of friends and acquaintances that have behaved regrettably because of a high level of intoxication, be it through risky sexual encounters, drunk driving, vandalism or other destructive behavior.

The bad news is that drunken behavior is a reality that all students must accept on every college campus. On the upside, however, Middlebury students are drinking less often and engaging in fewer risky activities than they ever have in the past, according to the survey.

Initially, the survey raised some skepticism within this editorial board, but since the survey's methodology - that is, a sampling of 400 randomly selected students - has been unchanged over the last several years, its results are as valid as those of past years' surveys and are therefore useful for comparison to past years' findings.

Whether the decline in binge drinking and risky behavior is due to actions taken by the College, be it security measures or health education, or if it is in fact a more virtuous student body at Middlebury that has caused this improvement, is unclear. But the statistics are clear – Middlebury students who do drink are doing so more responsibly and should be commended for cultivating a safer environment at the College.

It is important to note that while most students are opting to drink beer over hard alcohol and are not partaking in drunk driving or vandalism, there are students on this campus that do not drink. These students, too, should be commended for their commitment to sobriety and should not be overlooked simply because a study shows that drinking students are not as disruptive as in past years. Regardless of one's drinking habits and how one chooses to behave on the weekends, this College should be a safe haven for everyone. The survey says we have improved, and we should remain committed by looking out for one another and discouraging any disruptive behavior that may prove harmful or uncomfortable for any student.

Picking up the Pieces

As stated in the last two editorials of *The Middlebury Campus*, students, faculty, staff and administration have been remarkably supportive of each other since the events of Sept. 11. Together we mourned the loss of our friends and fellow human beings in the World Trade Center and Pentagon disasters, comforting each other not only after the initial shock but even now as the details surrounding this tragedy unfold.

The College community is now overcoming the grief and sadness inflicted upon us and is acting decisively to raise money to aid the victims and their families. This comes as no surprise, as it was evident early on by the overwhelming response of the community to donate blood within only hours of the crashes.

There are plans in the works to provide commons - or student organization - sponsored trips to New York City in an effort to bolster the city's flailing economy. The Student Government Association has planned to work closely with the Red Cross in an effort to have frequent blood drives in the community. The Otter Nonsense Players will be hosting a fundraiser the first weekend in October.

There is little doubt that these initiatives will be followed through on and will not only be a huge success, but will also prompt other community efforts to help our fellow Americans in New York City and Washington, D.C. These groups should be applauded for their work and quick responses, and other groups or individuals should follow suit and remind us all that there is still much work to be done.

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P. Mancini '02

-Namik Kirlic '05-

Bosnian War Survivor Sympathizes

I am from Bosnia-Herzegovina, a country in southeastern Europe. Bosnia has gone through three years of war, starting in 1992 and ending in 1995 upon signing of the Dayton agreement, and that is why I can relate to what has happened to America in the past few days.

Dreadful things have happened during these terrorist attacks and the process of healing will be long and painful in the months to come.

Why did Americans think they were invincible to this? I wish no one had to experience this. But it is the reality it has come to America too. Terrorism and hatred are present in the world, and it concerns us all.

Tuesday morning coming back from my first class, I saw confusion, fear, and lost hope in people's eyes. I saw myself nine years ago. Again I felt fear, confusion, agony, and I wondered whether it was following me. I laughed at myself.

As soon as the news made it to the world, my parents and friends called or e-mailed, wondering whether I was safe and what was going on here. My answers were weak. I stuttered while telling everyone, "I am safe." I was safe, but I felt danger upon me. The pictures of the World Trade Center (WTC) crashing down were stuck with me for the next few days. Again, I saw my town, completely destroyed. Houses, streets and factories were missing. Could this happen to America? Was this some kind of a Hollywood movie, or was it reality? I knew it was possible. Why was it so hard for many people to believe? It happens almost every day in the world. Have Americans been living in ignorance this whole time? Bosnia, the Middle East, several countries of Africa, Kosovo and many other places have, unfortunately, faced these types of difficulties not long ago, either through wars or terrorist actions. However there is still no justification. Why did Americans think they were invincible to this? I wish no one had to experience this. But it is the reality; it has come to America too. Terrorism and hatred are present in the world, and they concern us all.

Then I wondered how the world would react to this. Well, countries worldwide said these acts were horrible, inhumane, and they were to be stopped from ever happening again. In some countries, including Bosnia, people showed their respect to America by being silent for a certain amount of time. Yet, in some countries people celebrated, and that was something else that struck me.

It is amazing that people are respectful to survivors and are honoring the dead, and a "but"

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QUICK TAKES

BOO HOO!

Lower Proctor remains closed, leaving Upper a stressful dining experience. Dr. Proctor, some Antacid, please?

BOOYAH!

Social Houses require partyers to have Midd cards. No more smiley faces for free.

BOOYAH!

Network shut down by **computer virus**; students despair as they're not able to use Webmail to read their daily email from Bob Smith.

BOOYAH!

In an effort to cram even more Ben & Jerry's down our throats, College hosts lively **Ice Cream Social** despite the rain.

BOOYAH!

Otter Nonsense to raise money for tragedy victims' families. Settle in for 24 straight hours of crazy comedy.

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Letters to the Editor Policy

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-Wellington Lyons '04-

Call for United Stand Against Racism and Xenophobia

Last week, on behalf of the Middlebury Chapter of Amnesty International, I posted over 100 flyers across campus urging peaceful justice and respect for the human rights of all in the midst of the tragedy we are experiencing. Unfortunately, the vast majority of these flyers were either violently and visibly destroyed or else defamed with offensive, hateful comments. In my second attempt to bring an alternative voice to Middlebury College, I ask you to please consider the following. Thank you.

Those responsible for the hijackings of Sept. 11 are guilty of nothing less than mass murder, but citizens living in the terrorists' countries of operation are not. Americans are victims of a crime, not an act of war, and violent retribution will only increase the number of innocents killed both internationally and at home.

As we have seen from decades of U.S. intervention and warfare, civilians are routinely killed and marked up as "collateral damage" in our various overseas operations. What could happen in Afghanistan is no exception...

The corporate media has bombarded the American public with demands for revenge in response to the horrific events of Sept. 11, yet many Americans are understandably distressed by the idea of releasing the "full wrath" of our military on the "roughly 60 nations" we are targeting in our alleged "War on Terrorism." Here are a few related issues, which for one reason or another don't seem to merit newsworthiness:

A "War on Terrorism," the likes of which the Bush team is endorsing, will result in thousands of innocent people killed.

As we have seen from decades of U.S. intervention and warfare, civilians are routinely killed and marked up as "collateral damage" in our various overseas operations. What could happen in Afghanistan is no exception—more civilians will be killed, the vast majority of whom do not support the Taliban. Perhaps you question why those in opposition to the Taliban have not risen up against its maniacal, authoritarian regime? Because they are starved, exhausted and suffering. Afghanistan is a country with no

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Letters to the Editor

Abroad Students Cared for After Attack

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Claire Bourne's article in the Sept. 19 issue entitled "Schools Abroad Face Crisis in Foreign Locales." I would like to set the record straight on what actually occurred at Middlebury and at our Schools Abroad during the first few hours following the tragic events of September 11 and what has transpired since.

Within two hours after the attack either David Macey, director of off-campus study, or I was in touch with all of the directors at our Schools Abroad. We urged them to contact and/or convene meetings of all our students to discuss the events and to provide support. We asked them to facilitate communication with the students' families and friends back home. We urged our students to keep a low profile and to refrain from talking to local media.

Within the next few days we made professional counseling available to any student who requested it; we invited local experts to come and talk about the reaction abroad and the impact it might have on relations between the U.S. and those countries where we have schools. We fielded calls from parents inquiring about the steps being taken. We kept President McCardell fully apprised of all these developments.

Next we sent letters to the parents of the students at all C.V. Starr-Middlebury Schools Abroad (both to those enrolled at Middlebury and those from other institutions), as well as to parents whose students are abroad at non-Middlebury programs. We also sent an update to the Study Abroad advisors at colleges around the country that send students to our programs.

To date we have received numerous expressions of outrage, sympathy and support from rectors, presidents and directors of international offices at our partner institutions, as well as from other places where our students study abroad.

We want the community to be assured that the well-being of our students abroad is of utmost importance to us. We take it as very encouraging that the turnout on Monday evening of sophomores wanting to learn about study abroad opportunities for next year indicates that Middlebury students recognize that international education is more important now than ever before.

— Michael R. Katz, dean of Language Schools and Schools Abroad

King Compelled to Clarify Commons Position

To The Editor:

I feel compelled to clarify some things in light of the two responses printed in last week's *Campus* to my earlier editorial regarding the deteriorating state of the commons system. First, I concede immediately that first-year Rachel Austin must be far more intelligent, perceptive and involved than I — for in her three short weeks on this campus she seems to have gained a more complete understanding of the commons system than I've managed to put together in over three years. Well done, Rachel! I'm sure you've had ample time to consider all the angles and come to your very own individually formed conclusions on the subject, and that nobody else had influence over what you wrote. Really.

Secondly, Fahim Ahmed '03 makes several excellent points about the vision driving the commons system in his letter. What he leaves out is that his view and my stance are not mutually exclusive in any way. Sure, the commons are "still evolving," and sure, they were "conceived with the broad goal of building community"; but neither of those statements even comes close to responding directly to my point that in their present form, the commons are not serving their intended purpose. Rome was conceived as a republican community, and sure did a lot of evolving, but along the way something went wrong, and the republic gave way to an empire ruled by one. I have never suggested that the commons system is doomed to never do good at Middlebury College. I have also never said that the commons system does absolutely nothing beneficial as of right now. To make it very clear one last time, I believe that the top-heaviness of the current commons system limits student involvement and interest.

Now, I have no desire to beat this issue into the ground anymore, and I guarantee that the readers of this newspaper are equally exhausted with the subject. So without further delay, I'm off to continue being ungrateful in my search of the evasive 24-hour technical support for life's difficulties Ms. Austin seems to think I'm after. If you know where I can find it, let me know.

— Kevin F. King '02

Free Friday Films For All

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Middlebury College community, I would like to thank the SGA Finance Committee for agreeing to make the American Movie Club's Friday night film series free. In the past, the organization was required to collect one dollar from everyone viewing the film. Now that the showings are free, I hope many more students and staff take advantage of the offerings.

This year, there truly is something for everyone. From this Friday's multiple Oscar and Emmy Award-winning "Traffic" to some of cinema's most popular blockbusters, romantic comedies and off-beat fare, I believe this year's lineup is the best in years. Hope to see you there!

— Jack Thurston '02

-Sam Rodriguez '04-

Bush's Speech Paints Frightening Prospect

A recent CNN poll reports that George W. Bush, following his speech, garnered a 90 percent approval rating. Look, I totally understand the idea of "rallying behind our leader," but this is ridiculous.

I admit that my heart, like everyone else's, swelled with a sense of patriotism at the beginning of the President's speech. It was a beautiful thing to see—the show of enthusiastic unity between Republicans and Democrats. I, too, applauded when he proclaimed: "Whether we bring our enemies to justice or bring justice to our enemies, justice will be done." I even cheered out loud when I heard: "The Taliban must act and act immediately. They will hand over the terrorists, or they will share in their fate."

Honestly, I forgot all about the belly laughs I had had at this man's expense. Classics like: "strategery," "sublimidable" and the claims that Democrats have "misunderestimated" his abilities. Between you and me, there was a point in which I was actually happy that he was running our country.

Though it pains me to say so, no one can stop terrorism. Not even the U.S. army. Our army could, however, stop a terrorist. That is where I wish Bush had stopped.

That all came crashing down quite quickly. Bush declared: "We will direct every resource at our command ... every necessary weapon of war — to the destruction and to the defeat of the global terror network."

ALL of our weapons of war? I was shocked that he had actually said that. Even more amazing? That declaration was followed by a rousing bipartisan standing ovation. I could not believe the show of support for such a frightening prospect. Such a momentous speech in such an unprecedented time of crisis does not contain clumsy sentences. If the wording was vague, it was vague for a reason. If Bush had no intention of using nuclear, biological, or chemical armaments, that sentence would have been constructed differently.

I understand why, of course, Americans looked past those remarks. So many people experienced losses on Sept. 11. If not a death of a friend or a family member, then they lost that deep-seated sense of personal security or the long-held ideal of American invulnerability. That's what I lost. Thus, I totally understand the need for a renewed sense of security and strength. Obviously, in this unthinkable period of suffering and fear, we Americans do not want to second-guess the man that we are standing behind, especially since we have second-guessed him so much in the past. I wanted to support him. I did. I swear. Unfortunately, I just can't.

Worried enough as I was about that part of his speech, I started reevaluating the rest of it. I thought: "Was it really smart to issue those lofty demands to the Taliban like that? Sure, it made Americans feel good, but what if we failed to meet our goals? Shouldn't that big Texas talk be saved entirely for the Taliban when the doors are closed?" His ultimatum was no ultimatum. It was: "Hey guys, we're going to bomb you. Deal with it." What ever happened to "speak softly and carry a big stick?" You know, I heard guys that speak loudly for their stick are just compensating.

Then Bush started saying that America was going to stop terrorism throughout the whole world forever. That would be wonderful. Unfortunately, the president making that promise is about as adorably naïve as lit-

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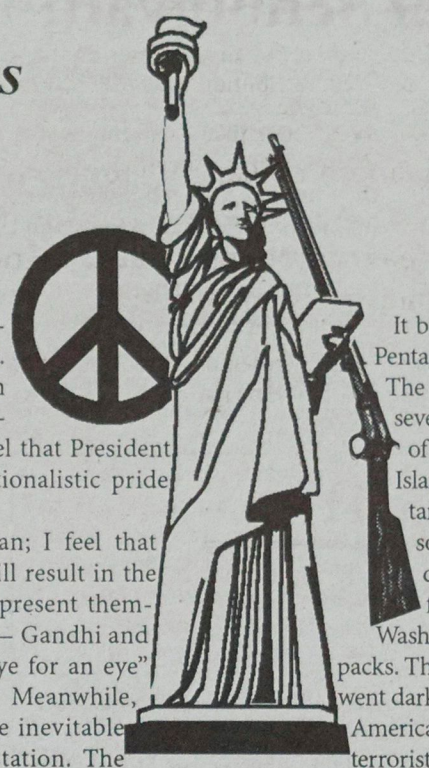
Patriotism Re-ignited in Wake of Attack Against Liberty



Mindless Patriotism Brings Country to Brink of War

-Estye Ross '04-

In 1776, our country was founded on several fundamental principles: Life, Liberty, the Pursuit of Happiness, Justice for All. These principles have always remained at the heart of American economic, foreign and domestic policy. Yet I feel that in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 tragedies, they've fallen by the wayside. I feel that President Bush and his administration have embraced violence and a nationalistic pride that depart from our patriotism's founding principles.

I do not feel that my opinion is unpatriotic or un-American; I feel that responding to the killing of innocents by promising ends that will result in the further killing of innocents is unjust and immoral. Americans present themselves as moral authorities in the world. We're in good company — Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. both noted that in subscribing to the "eye for an eye" mentality, the whole world would be left blind and without teeth. Meanwhile, Bush promises to eradicate the world of terrorism and evil. The inevitable results of such a war—America's New War—are misery and devastation. The 78 percent of CNN poll respondents who would support Bush in military action have probably never experienced such living conditions as violence against Afghanistan would create.

The new American Patriotism that has arisen out of the smoke in lower Manhattan is not one that stands by justice for all the world's citizens. It is not a patriotism that holds life sacred. It is not a patriotism that holds the liberty and happiness of those beyond our borders in high regard. Liberty and Justice for All. The United States has been attacked; of course there must be a national response. However, one that takes the lives of innocent citizens in the name of collateral damage is plainly un-American.

While impossible to match the horror of Sept. 11's events, I feel that President Bush and his administration are towing a dangerous line with respect to their suggested methods of military response. Fighting a war on terrorists is assuming their tactics, thereby becoming one. Responding to violence with violence without a lengthy consideration of nonviolent alternatives is, no matter how long our government waits, a knee-jerk reaction aimed at satiating a bloodthirsty American public and preserving a chauvinistic American pride that the global community would be better off without.

Our patriotism is, as I see it, no longer based on Life, no longer based on Liberty, no longer based on real Justice, and no longer based on any happiness other than our own in the short run. Our patriotism has become what the media tells us it should be. It has become anger and shock at an attack on American soil rather than an enlightened reflection on why we were attacked. It has become thoughtless support for "America's New War" whose tactics will be brutal and who's objective remains elusive.

Patriotism in the "New America" allows us to remain comfortable in our ignorance of global issues and allows us to champion elementary school playground-like revenge. Patriotism in the "New America" is a passive acceptance of what a barely free press tells us. Patriotism in the "New America" has become a blind complacency.

New Patriotism Will Allow Liberty to Prevail

-Drew Pugsley '04-

It began with the first wave on Sept. 11. 2001. The World Trade Center and the Pentagon were hit, another effort was foiled and the plane crashed in Pennsylvania. The death toll was 7,000 men, women and children. Then came the second wave, in several major cities across the country, chemicals were put in the exhaust systems of subways and train stations; tens of thousands of people died. In the next wave, Islamic martyrs infected with small pox were sent to cities where there were military bases. They killed our military by just breathing on them and their families, so powerful is the small pox virus; there is no known vaccine. Thousands more died. And then in the final knockout punch, one spring morning, two martyrs for the cause of Islam, on different coasts of America, one in L.A. and one in Washington, D.C., walked into the middle of their respective targets wearing backpacks. These backpacks contained nuclear bombs, and the United States as we know it, went dark. They hit L.A. because it symbolized everything they hate about the decadent American way of life, and D.C. because it is the seat of our government. In the last phase, terrorists from all over the Middle East invaded our borders. Jubilant and victorious, they claimed our land for Islam. Miami was declared the new capitol, Islam our new religion. Men were shot if they shaved, women were shot if they did not wear long gowns and veils, or if they went to school beyond age 12; anyone was shot if they did not pray to Allah five times a day.

Frightening? During this siege, the United States did nothing but send aid, and tried to reason with their attackers. It is in times like these that I realize how infinitely grateful I am to all of the people who, through their service in the U.S. military, have made it possible for me to pursue the American dream: life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness and justice for all. These values truly capture the essence of being American. The recent attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., are an assault on these cornerstones of the American way of life. This new patriotism that has galvanized the citizens of the United States is incredibly inspiring and moving.

However, the great minds and powers of the world, led by the United States, must now come together in a unified front to dismantle terrorism. A comprehensive and all encompassing attack on terrorism must be launched to ensure that the tragedy of Sept. 11 is never repeated. This new kind of offensive necessarily requires military action against any person who perpetrates terrorist acts of war or any government that supports them. This new, unconventional war that we must fight against terrorism and to defend the American way of life must first and foremost break and destroy the al-Qaeda network and heighten intelligence and security in major cities and airports around the world. This will be a long, hard battle, but freedom and liberty will prevail. In 1787 Thomas Jefferson wrote, "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants." What Jefferson said is very true. People will die in this fight for freedom. We must be willing, along with our allies to make some very significant, difficult sacrifices in order to eradicate the world of terrorism. The citizens of the world must unite and brace ourselves for the possibility of more terrorist attacks.

We, the benevolent United States of America are now the ones that everyone else in the world looks to for protection, support, and answers. Therefore it is our right, our privilege, and most importantly, our responsibility as the leader of the free world to honor the lives of those who died in this devastating tragedy by learning from it. It is our duty to lead the world into a battle against this international terror. I know there are those of you who feel that to react to violence with violence would be wrong, and to those of you I say, at what point do we take up arms and fight for our way of life? I contend that the time is now.

Focus on Mass Murderers to Stand Trial, Not Worldwide War

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food and no economy, the soil is littered with landmines and debris left over from the war with the Soviets.(The same war in which, ironically, the CIA educated, organized and financed bin Laden and his "freedom fighters," to use the words of Ronald Regan.) The farms, hospitals and infrastructure of Afghanistan were never rebuilt. And yet there are cries of "Bomb the bastards back to the Stone Age!" We can't —Afghanistan is currently there. The people are hungry, and aid workers have already poured out of the country.

According to a recent United Nations report, one quarter of the population will not survive the winter if aid does not return. Without firing a shot we have condemned hundreds of thousands of people to death. Will the thousands of innocent people killed on Sept. 11 attack somehow be honored by the deaths of thousands more?

While we may dismantle terrorist organizations that currently exist, doing so violently will only encourage the creation of future groups. Violence begets violence.

A "War on Terrorism" will dramatically increase anti-Muslim and anti-Arab sentiment in this country and around the world.

There have been hundreds of violent attacks against Muslim citizens in this country since the Sept. 11, including a number of homicides. The media does little to alert us of this and, in fact, implicitly endorses this behavior with headlines such as "America Widens Crusade On Terror." Images of Palestinian children dancing in the street were not only unwarranted and inflammatory but showed the utmost disrespect for all those affected by the tragedy. United we should stand against racism and xenophobia in all of its myriad forms, including the ones perpetuated by the mainstream media.

A "War on Terrorism" will not stop future terrorist acts.

While we may dismantle terrorist camps and organizations that currently exist, doing so violently will only encourage the creation of future groups. Violence begets violence. The killing of innocents will give terrorists additional propaganda to recruit new members to their cause. From the rubble of the American military response will come thousands more volunteers for anti-American attacks. By making "no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them" we will only be setting the stage for further tragedy.

The United States should continue to treat the largest criminal investigation in U.S. history for what it is—a criminal investigation, not a war against a people.

If credible evidence comes to light blaming bin Laden and his associates for the attacks, then we need to mark them as mass murderers who are sought for trial and punishment under U.S. law, as has been done with countless terrorists in the past. Islamic governments will not refuse our requests for assistance if we treat this catastrophe as the most serious of criminal matters. We should order a global investigation with full global cooperation, the likes of which the world has never seen. No one will deny us the right to capture the people who did this. Many however are understandably reluctant to see thousands of their own citizens put to death in extra-judicial killings, especially when they know that the U.S. will neither apologize nor tolerate criticisms for such acts.

The United States should continue to treat the largest criminal investigation in U.S. history for what it is—a criminal investigation, not a war against people.

What can you do? Call your representative and tell him or her to be restrained in their actions, to apprehend the terrorists but not to kill innocent civilians. Tell your representative that we should use U.S. and international law enforcement agencies to obtain justice, not air strikes and covert killings for revenge. If we fail to prevent this "War on Terrorism," we will simply be creating future generations of terrorists who will be putting increasing numbers of American lives at stake.

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-Vijay Renganathan '02-

America Bullies in Global Schoolyard

This article is the first of two that will explore the country's self-perception as exceptional, and pose the question, are we as excellent as we think? *This week, the myth of "America" and the myth's role in international affairs. Next week, the domestic dark side of "America," and dangerous implications for the future.*

Once upon a time, the "American Experiment" asked if people can rule themselves. Its goal was to create a place where "all Men are created equal," where every person had "certain inalienable Rights" like "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." We were trying to build the so-called city upon the hill, the shining beacon of hope to the world. We were trying to create what I call "America," land of the free. The Constitution was created "to form a more perfect union," saving this novel experiment from self-destruction.

Things changed with the Civil War. When the North won, it was seen as more than simply a victory over seccessionists. Propaganda turned it into a divine victory of the freedom over repression; it was God's will that the morally righteous should win. Good defeated evil. Thus the myth began that we have been, in Ty Kalra's '04 words (last issue, "Attack on America..."), "a permissive government—a bastion for peace, diversity, toleration and freedom." Thus our government started perceiving itself as "America." Thus the experiment ended. "America" became a proof.

Today, the idea of "America" is thriving, as Mr. Kalra showed us:

"We attempt to guide the world in its transition toward a globalized economy. We do this because we have a morality and humanity that transcends national boundaries ... [In spite of resistance,] we continue our benign guidance over world affairs. We have done more for the sake of humanity and modernization than any nation, at any time in history, and look at the compensation we have received."

In reality, here is a small clip of our international record, which is anything but "benign" and "humane." We ignore ongoing genocide in China while we admonish Cuba for civil rights violations. We created the camps where terrorists are trained, supported the Taliban, and sent arms to Ayatollah Khomeni, all to fight the communists. We sent arms to Saadam Hussein to fight Khomeni. We supported Pakistan's long war on its western front (against communists), draining its resources; and when they needed help rebuilding, we left, leaving Pakistan poorer and weaker than ever.

Are we the shining beacon of hope to the world? No, we are anything but. We expect the world to follow our prerogative, because we are the masters of world affairs. There is an ugly antiquity to this prerogative:

"We attempt to guide the savages in their transition toward civilization. We do this because we have a morality and humanity that transcends outward appearances ... In spite of resistance, we continue our benign guidance over the race's affairs. We have done more for the sake of humanity and modernization of the black people than any nation, at any time in history, and look at the compensation we have received."

With minor changes to Mr. Kalra's words, we have the slave-owners' justification. This is the myth of "America." It is steeped with the kind of moral righteousness one can see above. And it shows in the way we manipulate world affairs. We treat the world the way a child playing "house" would. The problem is, we are the strongest and least controllable child, and our house is Earth.

In our game of "house," we are the masters and the rule-makers, and others play thanks to our charity. Others play not for respect, but for fear of our power and our money. When one wants to leave, because the game is not fun, we force them to sit down. "We are the masters of the game. We say when it's not fun." And this scenario happens every day. And when the one finally hits us so we bleed, we are shocked. The others are shocked. Nobody had done that before.

So we admonish our attacker. And the others admonish the attacker; they do not want to be hit. Smarting from the wound, we throw a temper tantrum, calling for ultimate punishment. But the others look to our assailant, and see the signs of countless injuries. Persistent bruises and soreness from the abuse of being forced to play our game our way. To fight others when they didn't want to. To fight our wars for us, because we couldn't risk hurting ourselves. The others cool to our tantrum, because we manipulated our attacker all along. We seethe in righteous anger. "We have been wronged!" we yell. And our anger is heeded not for respect or pity, but for fear... Because we are the strongest and least controllable child.

The attacks in New York and Washington are inexcusable, but the perverse logic that guided them matches the perverse logic of American foreign policy. We know we are right, and we know what is right for the world. And we are willing to risk the world on our knowledge. Welcome to "America," land of prerogative.

-Ty Kalra '04-

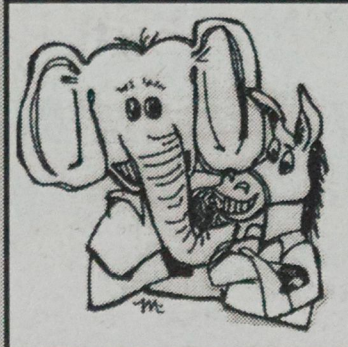
Skeptics of Military Action In Two Camps

The skeptics of an American/ NATO military imperative in the Middle East, preponderantly in Afghanistan, seem to lie in two main camps. Both camps may have plausible arguments and maybe even in alternate circumstances would have compelling force behind them. But the circumstances are austere. This catastrophe cannot be handled by traditional means and through the traditional modes that America is known for i.e. checks and balances and pragmatic decision making that are extraordinarily lengthy in time.

One camp of dissenters believes that we must wait patiently stating that no conclusive proof has been delivered confirming the perpetrator of these iniquitous acts. Once we have proof, they maintain, then and only then must we consider proper courses of action. The other camp states that enough blood has been spilt, that reticence must be employed and humanity must be preserved. I say to these camps that your arguments sound remarkably similar to those of a Taliban regime searching vainly for supporters in their fruitless cause.

Furthermore, the evidence is ostensibly convincing if deduction is used. Weeks ago, intelligence sources gathered data revealing that threats via al Qaeda were imminent. Only one terrorist has the web, resources, ability, and legitimization (Taliban acceptance) to coordinate and deliver such atrocities. Bin Laden has attacked American targets in the past and vowed to continue his jihad in the future. A missive from bin Laden to a Taliban news source contains propaganda displaying no err in his resolve and revealing his efficacy to invoke a jihad against America and Western civilization. "We ask God to make us defeat the infidels and the oppressors and to crush the new Jewish-Christian crusader campaign on the land of Pakistan and Afghanistan." Finally, Secretary Powell stated yesterday (Monday) that he is convinced of bin Laden and al Qaeda's involvement. Furthermore, he stated that evidence will be revealed, in due time, substantiating his claim.

The only course of action is clear. Our chief has the vast preponderance of both domestic and international support. The resolve of the brave individuals who battled the terror on United Flight 93 will not be in vain. We must prevail so that terror will not impinge on our way of life again. Sept. 12, 2001 revealed the great strength and composure of the fraternal bonds with our allies. Concerted action is required. And the time is coming upon us.



The Embattled Bipartisan

Brian Ashley '04

You would think that even the most rotten, depraved, and despicable people in the country would be able to take a break from their cretinous ways for a week or two in order to let the country heal after the World Trade Center tragedy. Well, I thought so too, but I guess we were all wrong. While Giuliani proclaimed that crime was down in New York since the attack, no one seems to be talking about the fact that the Pompeii beneath number 5 World Trade Center was looted! Not only that, but it was apparently looted by those very people who were supposed to be looking for survivors! Even more disturbing is that the looting took place immediately after the fires in the wreckage were extinguished and when the first survivor rescue efforts were underway. While the National Guard is still investigating, it appears that either policemen, firemen, paramedics or contractors (the only types of people with access to the site) helped themselves to watches from a Tourneau shop, designer sunglasses and other merchandise along with cash from registers. Now I ask you, what does it say about our society when those people we entrust to protect and serve us in times of need ignore helpless victims in lieu of the chance to steal a few grand in watches and sunglasses? Don't get me wrong here; I am not accusing all of the rescue workers. In fact, it could have been done be just a few very determined people. My point, however, is that even John Gotti's son-in-law (who is currently incarcerated by the state of New York) offered his very expensive metal crushing machines and processing plant for use in the cleanup effort. It surprises me that at a time when even the Mafia is offering to help the U.S. government, common criminals cannot take a break.

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As bad as the looting was, get ready for something even better. We gave the Taliban $43 million just four months ago in order to assist its "valiant and noble" efforts to essentially eliminate the world's opium poppy crop. We hear top security advisors for the United States constantly complaining about the high-tech equipment used by Osama bin Laden. They tell us that his vast fortune enables him to use the best technology to avoid capture. Well, here is a revolutionary idea, how about we stop giving his cronies millions and millions of dollars and maybe he won't be so bloody rich!

But wait, there's more! Ever on the forefront of social sensitivity, the U.S. Government implemented a "stop-loss" order allowing openly gay and lesbian citizens to serve in the military. While the same thing happened during the Gulf War, it is important to note that those openly gay and lesbian soldiers admitted under the "stop-loss" order were promptly dismissed after the conclusion of the war. I guess there is nothing like the possibility of war to bring out the hypocrisies in the policies of our armed forces. Apparently the U.S. government doesn't want gay soldiers; they just want gay targets for Afghani soldiers to shoot at so that straight U.S. soldiers don't get shot.

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Before I forget, I should mention that it seems CNN took over the U.S. armed forces and now runs the show. From just after the attack, CNN (and to be fair, most other media outlets) called its coverage "America's New War." While I understand the temptation of sensationalism (one could even say I use a little sensationalism in my column every once in a while), I do not see how calling what is essentially a worldwide manhunt a war. All we really need to do is find Osama bin Laden and his main conspirators, remove them from power in Afghanistan, reinstate the proper government, bring bin Laden and his cronies to the U.S., and then torture and kill them on live TV (at least that's how I would do it).

P.S. Here's some sensationalism for you: type the letters "NYC" in Microsoft Word. Now change the font to "webdings." Now type "NYC" again and change the font to "wingdings." Apparently Microsoft is not just evil and heartless, but anti-Semitic as well.

-Marques Brooks '02-

Sexual Divide Extends to Antiquated College Housing Policy

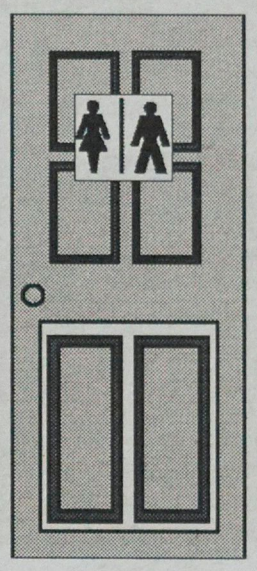
Since Middlebury strives to be an equal rights and equal opportunity institution, there needs to be some change in the housing policy here. Specifically, the policy against men and women sharing rooms and the mysterious division of men and women at room draw need to simply go away. These policies do not serve to demonstrate the ideal of equality and community for all. They serve only to create division where it need not exist.

I find it interesting that men and women do not share rooms here at Middlebury. Well, to be more accurate, I find it interesting that no men and women share rooms officially here at Middlebury. Why is that? Are there no cross-sex friendships, no buddies who happen to have different "equipment"? Are there no heterosexual couples secure enough to want to share a double instead of tying down two perfectly good singles?

I, like most Middlebury students, assumed that sharing a room with someone of the opposite sex is against the rules and pretty much out of the question. That may be true, but it is not written anywhere that you would notice it in the school handbook. The section on residential hall regulations (starting on page 86) has clear rules on how far your loft has to be from the wall and what pieces of your furniture you may remove, but nary a word about the sex of your roommate. So, it is at best an "unwritten" rule; not living with a woman/man at Midd is not much different from never swinging at a 3-0 pitch. It isn't really against the rules; it's just not to be done.

Originally, I was going to find the passage in the handbook that officially banned the cohabitation of men and women in Middlebury residence halls and then write about how this policy was outdated and heterosexist (I stole that word from a poster that used to hang in the FIC.) That plan was cancelled when I couldn't find that passage in the handbook. It was supposed to be a fine and fat target, this white elephant of College policy that just assumed that everyone here was a heterosexual and an irresponsible one at that.

I was going to complain righteously about how the fine efforts of MOQA have all gone to waste, that Middlebury still thinks that gay/queer/bi/bi-curious/transsexual people don't exist. Or the College thinks that maybe those people do exist and are just smarter and more responsible than the rest of us. I mean, they must be smarter and more responsible since it's left up to them to decide if they want to share their rooms with their partners or friends that they might be potentially sexually attracted to. I don't know about the rest of you but I don't feel that being heterosexual makes me less intelligent than my friends that go another route with sexual preference/identity.



Just because your best buddy uses a different bathroom at truckstops doesn't mean you shouldn't be able to share a room.

Owing to the fact that this incriminating handbook passage doesn't have the courtesy to exist, I was forced to call a few deans and ask them whether or not it is against College policy for a man and a woman to share a room. They seemed to think that it is indeed against policy, although they did not know where to find it in writing either.

I am forced to conclude that this policy is so old and so based in assumption about the propriety of cohabitation that it wasn't thought necessary to write it down. The question is of course, WHY? Just because your best buddy uses a different bathroom at truckstops and stadiums doesn't mean you shouldn't be able to share a room. If the fear is of unstable couples causing room change havoc, then the policy should discourage couples (without regard to sexual choice) from sharing a room.

Eliminating sex as a factor in rooming should not end with the opposite sex sharing of rooms. It would also have to continue to a couple of other head-scratch provoking college policies. Why do men and women have separate room draws, and why are there sex distributions built into suites? Unless the suite or hall has been designated single sex, then every room should be up for grabs to the person with the highest priority number. If the division of sexes was meant to prevent crowding at room draw then dividing each class in two would work just as well.

The sooner the College removes these policies that have clearly outlived their usefulness (if they ever had any) then the sooner we can take another step towards the equality we claim to want and support.

U.S. Can't Stop Terrorism, Only Terrorists

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tle Betsy asking Santa for world peace. Though it pains me to say so, no one can simply stop terrorism. Not even the U.S. army. Our army could, however, stop a terrorist. That is where I wish Bush had stopped.

Right now, the last thing this wounded nation needs is to get swept up into a war in which we are simply chasing pipe dreams. After the speech, I heard people say: "It's totally possible to stop all terrorism everywhere. Set up a worldwide intelligence web where every country gives us their terrorists." Just because one leader of a country in the Middle East wants to earn diplomatic brownie points by offering support and sympathy to the United States does not mean that ALL of the government officials are willing to do the same. That does not promise a very reliable intelligence community, now does it? Without that intelligence, we have nothing. What are we going to do? Bomb every country in the world until "reliable Westerners" rule each one?

The world is simply not as black and white as Bush would like. Fellow students, this is a time to reaffirm America's principles. Questioning our leadership is one of them. Only then can we test ideas to ensure the right one is put in place. Unity is crucial, I agree, but we cannot allow our goal of unity to cloud our judgment. America simply cannot afford to make the wrong decision.

Rid World of Injustice, Preserve Cultural Diversity

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shouldn't come in this sentence, however it does. But, how could people celebrate such a tragedy? Who did celebrate? Has America always been fair to everyone with its foreign politics? I suppose not always, and there have been situations when America had to react in different ways. However, that is not really important. What is important is that there is this feeling among other countries that to a certain extent people are glad that America has experienced something like this so people here can and will start to appreciate what happens around the world. Particularly, people here should start living in the real world, which is cruel; and it is a shocking and terrifying fact that even when you go through war it is still difficult to believe that there is war somewhere else. In my case, it was on the border of my country—Kosovo. In the past, countries have dealt with violence, and others had a hard time believing it. So, I hope that these events will raise awareness of the results of violence in the world. Please take a moment to think how we, and I mean every individual, can help to prevent more countries looking like the W.T.C. today. We can, BY SAYING NO TO VIOLENCE. We need to come together, not under "you are either with us or against us," but under the slogan "let's create justice for all." Martin Luther King Jr. once said: "The true peace is not merely the absence of tension, it is the presence of justice."

I would like to stress that the events from a few days ago are horrendous, and I honestly hope that people have learned that this is our present reality and we need to deal with it in the best way we can. Thus, I hardly find that it is violence that will lead us to our peace and justice. If we deal with this issue using armies and destructive weapons, we will only prove that we justify what has happened to us and we will enter the circle of violence, war and revenge. It is an unending circle that has been present in some regions, simply by using destruction as an answer. Where is the end to that? The United States has great power, and thus responsibility to prove this should be the last time such an event should occur anywhere. Patience, overcoming anger, and ability the to forgive are the greatest skills, and we have yet to learn them. We need to bring these people to justice, while protecting people and cultures of countries where terrorists are hiding from destruction. Let's not generalize through our ignorance. I encourage everyone to learn ... Look up what Islam means; you will find that it doesn't mean death or terrorism, it means PEACE. And so does every religion. Let's enjoy our beautiful diversity on which we strongly lean, learn from each other, and improve our lives, putting no one in any kind of danger.

-Abdur-Rahim Syed '02-

Armed Action Counterproductive

"The eye for an eye philosophy makes the whole world go blind," read a poster placed outside Proctor a few days after the terrorist attacks. Ty Kalra opposed the Dr. Martin Luther King quote in last week's *Campus*, claiming that sustained military action against terrorist groups was the correct response. Avoiding issues of morality, I would like to present a pragmatic reply to Ty Kalra's proposition.

Leaving aside sweeping historical analyses, like the United States having done more for the cause of humanity than any other nation any time in history, or final propositions, like a return to imperialism and implanting governments of our choice upon other peoples, I would like to address Mr. Kalra's central theme — sustained military intervention.

Sustained military intervention carries with it multiple risks, the most important of them being encouraging terrorism rather than eradicating it. To understand the enemy we must understand its psyche, and only then can we stop the spread of this twisted morality that responds to perceived injustices with very real crimes against humanity. We must ask ourselves, do we want revenge or containment and eventual eradication of this phenomenon? If the latter is true, then sustained military action will undoubtedly be counterproductive.

Sustained military action will bring with it collateral damage, a fact that is routine in conventional warfare but may hold disastrous consequences here. Colin Powell has publicly stated that collateral damage will occur, and the administration considers it an acceptable cost. Yet, terrorism cannot be stamped out by killing all the terrorists alive today, for there will always be new ones to replace the old until that perceived injustice which makes a moderate into an extremist is removed. Collateral damage in the form of hundreds of innocent civilians dying will be sufficient evidence for those who already feel that the United States is an entity bent on destroying their way of life. For every strike that will remove one terrorist and ten civilians, two more terrorists will be born.

Is revenge a virtue strong enough that a compromised future is an acceptable cost? I fear we still do not understand the nature of the beast. Almost seven out of 10 Americans support military action, even if it means "thousands of innocent civilians getting killed," according to Gallup Poll's website. It is not this statistic that is most disturbing what was not asked more accurately represents our current state of ignorance. How many of us support military action when it means the deaths of thousands more in downtown Chicago, suburban Houston, or at a packed football stadium in Atlanta?

Pick a Peck of Autumn Apples; Savor Scenery, Too

By Jennifer LaRosa
Staff Writer

Autumn in Middlebury might be a little cooler than one would hope, a little more stressful than one would wish or a little more chaotic than one would admit to; however, there is one key ingredient for making it all a little better: apples. There is an abundance of apple orchards surrounding Middlebury College that cater to the cider-anxious students and community members. One orchard in particular, Happy Valley Orchard, is no more than five to 10 minutes away. It is located right past Shaw's supermarket, about three miles down Quarry Road.

Off-Campus Corner

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In an effort to celebrate the beautiful weather and autumn atmosphere, a group of friends and I made the short drive and picked ourselves a bag of apples. Happy Valley is a family-run business, owned by Mary and Stan Pratt. With the help of other family members, they take care of the orchard and make the wonderful cider that is for sale.

I am sure many want to know if it is the same cider we get to experience a couple times a year at special events at the College. The answer is yes. This orchard does provide some of the apples and cider during the fall season for the College.

Although they are only open from the end of August until around Thanksgiving, they do have a variety of foods to pick and buy. They sell pumpkins, gourds, plums and squash. They have free samples of homemade cider, which provide for taste-testing of the great cider that we have all come to know and love.

They also sell cider doughnuts, which they bake using apple cider in the batter, and fresh baked apple pies. The pies are actually baked by three women from around the community who are all very happy to help out.

The cost of actually picking the apples is minimal. Considering my friends and I did not have enough space for dozens of apples back in our dorm rooms, we did not opt to pick apples by the bushel; however, we did pick them by the peck (one peck equals eight quarts or 554.84 cubic inches).

They have half pecks or full pecks, which range from $2.50 to $3.50. Even though we are poor college students and stingy with our money, we decided it would be worth the little cash we had in our possession.

We then embarked on our apple orchard journey, surveying each tree and inspecting all the different types of apples.

Victoria Craig '04, an ardent apple-lover, said, "The thing with apple picking is that when you pass a tree, there is always one apple that stands out. Everyone has an idea of the perfect apple, and the best part about it is that it's within your reach."

Most of the people who frequent Happy Valley Orchard are from the surrounding area. They also get some college students and very few tourists. It is a small establishment and they do not advertise very much, so most of the people who pick apples are familiar with the orchard.

"I remember when my family used to go apple picking. We would always go to the same place, which was about an hour away. It's really nice that there are apple orchards right here," enthused Kim Waldron '04.

Most of the apples now available are Macintosh apples because they are in their prime season, but the orchard has a selection of other varieties as well.

They have "fancy" apples, which are the most expensive because they are apples that have not fallen from the tree or been bruised. One bushel costs $16. They also have "utility" apples, which are not perfect like the fancy apples. One bushel of utility apples is $12.

If you don't want to pick your own apples or want more than what you're able to pick, you can buy pre-sorted bags.

If you can never get enough of apple picking or the wonderful outdoors, then there is an opportunity for you to get a job as an apple picker at Happy Valley Orchards. Since the season is well on its way, there is not a great need for help now; however, next year they will be hiring again. They pay workers $1 for every bushel picked.

So before the season ends in a couple months, take a trip down the road and relive your apple picking glory days. There is good food and drinks to quench your hunger and thirst while you enjoy the beautiful weather and great people.

Louisa Conrad

A favorite fall pastime of many Middlebury students, apple picking is an innovative way to enjoy the fresh mountain air.

Pizza Stick Fetish Persists Despite Delivery Cut Backs

By Cragin Brown
Staff Writer

With the frequency that their names are used on the Middlebury College campus, one would assume that Neil and Otto were generous alumni or beloved tenured professors. But Middlebury students recognize that these two names are synonymous with the convenient late night delivery place that has evolved into a fundamental part of the Middlebury community.

Neil and Otto's Pizzeria is probably most famous for their innovative culinary classic, pizza sticks, which they say is the most requested item on their menu.

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The delectable treat has been enjoyed by students since the establishment's founding in 1996. They continue to be a favorite for late-night study breaks and weekend bedtime snacks.

Neil and Otto's attributes 85 percent of their total revenue to the Middlebury College student body and the remaining 15 percent to residents of the town of Middlebury.

Maggie Farquhar '04, who claims to have personally purchased and devoured nearly one dozen orders of pizza sticks during her two weeks back at school noted, "I love them so much. They are like an addiction; they should make a "Traffic" movie about pizza sticks."

But pizza sticks are not the only product that Neil and Otto's makes. Their menu includes pasta, pizza, buffalo wings and subs, which are mostly delivered during the day, according to one of their delivery men.

"After about 9:30 at night," he said, "the orders are all pizza sticks."

He also mentioned that despite the widespread belief that Neil and Otto's does most of its business on the weekends, most orders come in on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Despite this mid-week popularity, Neil and Otto's has recently cut back their hours, closing at 12 a.m. instead of 2 a.m. The establishment justifies the change by saying that not many orders are made during that last hour.

However, Middlebury students share a different sentiment. When asked about the cut back, Philippe Danielides '04 said, "It doesn't make any sense. I would think that they should be making the most money during [the small hours of the morning]." Neil and Otto's delivery persons make about $60 a night in tips.

Although students may no longer be able to make their often-times drunken, late-night phone calls to Neil and Otto's, their fervent devotion to pizza sticks continues to remain strong.

Amy Brais '04 admitted, "There is nothing else I want on a Saturday night."

Whether one prefers their pizza sticks greasy or dry, to mix them in sauces or not, the relationship between the College and Neil and Otto's remains steadfast.

Thomas McMennamin '04 put it best when he said, "It wouldn't be Middlebury without them."

File Photo/Peter Huoppi

Although most lovers of Neil and Otto's pizza sticks adamantly disapprove of the 12 a.m. closing time, students will continue to dial up, only earlier.

Panel Denounces Hazing, Advocates Prevention

By Deborah Jones
Features Editor

Fact: Forty-two of the United States, including Vermont, have anti-hazing legislation. According to that statute and the Middlebury College Handbook, much of the fabled debauchery that regularly takes place during pledging of social houses, athletic team initiations and induction rites for other groups on the Middlebury campus is considered criminal activity.

This actuality doubtlessly comes as a surprise to many college students who consider common initiation rituals harmless fun and a way to build cohesion in an organization. However, a growing contingent of administrators, counselors, parents and students are vocalizing concerns about the physical and psychological harm that often accompanies such traditions. Their worries are legitimate: statistics show that there has been at least one death per year due to hazing related accidents since researchers started recording the pattern in 1970.

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Officials at the University of Vermont (UVM), an institution recently scarred by a well-publicized hockey initiation scandal, are among those most troubled by the prevalence of risky induction activities. On Monday, an a interactive telecast entitled "Preventing Hazing on Campus," the school's Director of the Center for Health and Well-Being, Estelle P. Maartmann-Moe, met with a group of experts to discuss when "efforts to create bonds cross the line." The panel included Jane Meyer, senior associate director of athletics at the University of Iowa; Hank Nuwer, adjunct professor of journalism at Indiana University and author of three books on hazing, and Chuck Eberly, president of the Center for Study of College Fraternity at Eastern Illinois University.

Defining "hazing" was the program's first priority. After acknowledging that not all initiation rituals are against the law, the panel agreed that the "tradition" of hazing stems from traditional societal rites of acceptance, a hierarchy of status and power within organizations, and efforts to gain access to an inner circle. It most often includes physical and psychological harm, secrecy and deception and demeaning behavior.

This definition parallels the ones adopted by the state of Vermont and Middlebury itself. The College's Handbook states that "conduct may be considered hazing if it a) endangers the mental health, physical well being, safety, or rights of any individual; b) is intended to or is reasonably likely to result in physical or emotional injury; or c) leads to a violation of Vermont state law of Middlebury College policies." It goes on to list examples of behavior that may lead to disciplinary consequences. Among the prohibited actions are the following: "requiring the use of alcohol in any process or activity, vandalizing, defacing or stealing any property and assigning unreasonable chores."

Since the mid 1990s, the College has made a serious effort to eliminate dangerous and illegal hazing activities amongst the social houses. In 1997, the Sigma Epsilon house, which had a history of substance abuse problems, was suspended following serious violations of College and state policies during a pledge sleepover. Prospective members, most of whom were under 21, were brought to an off-campus party where they were each required to drink frequent and numerous shots of hard alcohol. This resulted in one pledge landing in Porter Hospital with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .47. (A BAC over .40 is lethal if left unchecked, and a BAC of .50 is fatal for most people.) Sigma Epsilon petitioned for reinstatement in 1999 but was denied. The group voted to disband, noting that it had concerns about its ability to lead a rush void of traditional initiation activity.

Hazing activities are most often associated with the Greek system, or in Middlebury's case, the remnants thereof. However, the UVM panel was quick to note that other organizations, in particular athletic teams, have quietly or not-so-quietly been practicing such rituals for years. A study at Alfred University found that 80 percent of collegiate athletes have been hazed. Sure enough, the College campus abounds with hushed stories of student athlete initiations involving partaking in drinking games and excessive exercise or being "kidnapped" and humiliated by their teammates. For many students, these pranks and challenges are considered good fun, but for others, they are simply unacceptable.

In 1999, the hazing of athletes was brought into the public eye when a first-year hockey player filed suit against UVM after being forced to participate in a host of questionable activities, including

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"Safe Rides" Program Offers Relief to the Tipsy and the Tired

By Karen Acheson
Staff Writer

In an attempt to provide students with a safe and reliable way to travel by vehicle around campus after parties on weekend nights, Middlebury College has offered a program called Safe Rides for the past three years.

According to Charlotte Chase, the Center for Campus Activities and Leadership (CCAL) coordinator for the program, "It began for general safety concerns," and is paid for by the College, not the campus activities fund. Safe Rides differs from Midd Rides in that rather than having student drivers, the program is run by the Addison County Transit Resources that schedule the buses and hires drivers.

In addition, Safe Rides only run on weekends on a set route that begins at 10 p.m. and continues until 2 am. Last year, Safe Rides picked up a total of 8,534 people going to and from different locations on campus.

Stops include Adirondack House, the parking lot by the Robert A. Jones '59 House (near the social houses), McCullough, Kappa Delta Rho (KDR), the Mill, and the parking lot behind Coffrin.

Chase explained that the routes are "targeted for times during the evening hours when students would be moving around campus." Safe Rides is not intended to be a taxi service.

Just like Midd Rides, it follows a specific route, and unlike other colleges in which similar transportation systems allow students to call and be picked up from any location, at Middlebury a student must walk to one of the designated stops.

The 2001 Middlebury Alcohol Study coordinated by Yonna McShane of the Office of Health and Wellness, indicates that 88 percent of Middlebury students did not drive drunk in the last year and 95 percent of students disapprove of drinking and driving.

Although Safe Rides has undoubtedly proved useful in curbing drunk driving at the College, the short time span during which they run does not maximize the program's benefits.

However, new studies are showing that consuming alcohol can affect a person's driving abilities a day later. Once a person has reached a 0.1 alcohol level, which impacts the senses of the brain and the ability to consider future consequences, his or her driving ability declines by 20 percent the next day. According to McShane, "There is a continual effect on the brain, even if they don't feel hungover."

The "Encyclopedia of Alcoholism" states that if a 125 pound woman has two drinks in just one hour, her blood alcohol will reach 0.08. Likewise, if a 175 pound man has four drinks in that time period his blood alcohol will reach 0.1.

"Men and women process alcohol differently even if they are the same weight," said McShane. These new statistics mean that there are still impaired drivers returning home from parties in the morning.

Also, some students have voiced criticism over the short time span that the buses run.

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First Chance

Moving his hips to the beat of the music, *a first-year student gets in to the spirit of the first chance dance held at McCullough Hall.*

Senior Hurdles

By Alison Hertel
Associate Editor

For my first column, a topic fell into my lap. It isn't necessarily what I want to write about in the future or the sort of thing I pictured myself writing, but it is what I feel compelled to write.

Since early August I'd planned to go to visit two of my best friends in Anderson, S.C., in September. After the events of Sept. 11, a lot of people asked me if I was still planning to fly. I admit that I wasn't thrilled at the prospect, but I never really thought about canceling. I feel strongly that you can't live in fear.

I also know that small flights from Burlington to Detroit and from Detroit to Greenville, S.C. are not those most likely to be targeted by terrorists. What I did experience on my trip was the new culture of our nation's airports.

I now know why passengers at major airports are being asked to arrive two hours early for domestic flights. When I arrived at the Burlington Airport, a large sign directed me to the line of cars waiting for inspection before being allowed to enter the parking garage. Because of the small size of the place, this did not cause much of a delay. An officer checked my photo ID and looked under the hood of my car and in my trunk.

The check-in process remained unchanged. As usual I presented my identification and was asked, "Did you pack your bags yourself? Have they been out of your sight? Did anyone ask you to carry anything onboard for them today?"

Then I walked over to the metal detector. I had to present my boarding pass and photo ID before passing through the metal detector. Even though I didn't beep while passing through, I was asked (as was everyone else) to step to the side and stand with my legs spread and my arms raised while an officer passed a wand over my body. He found no problems, and my bags and I proceeded to the gate.

I don't mean to sound put out at all by these security checks. They were done quickly and efficiently, and they made me feel safe.

Three out of my four flights were at less than half capacity. Every noise and bump was met by more apprehension than usual, and there was less napping, but they were not without the humorous incidents that always come with flying. The flight attendant on my first flight had to pour my drink three times before she was satisfied that there was nothing floating in it.

Due to the regulations some crazy things have happened. I had to open my bag and go through it

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Fall Family Weekend Events

Friday, Sept. 28

MCAB Comedy Club
9 p.m.
McCullough Social Hall

Saturday, Sept. 29

Cyrus Chestnut
Luncheon Performance
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
McCullough Social Hall

Picnic Dinner at Proctor Terrace
5 - 7 p.m.
Rain site: Nelson Arena

A Capella Jam
8 p.m.
Mead Chapel

MCAB Keeps Campus Nights Jumping with "McCulloughs" and Stressbreakers

By Lynsey Waite
Staff Writer

Remember Casino Night last year? With the yummy drinks? MCAB. Dispatch at Homecoming? MCAB. Dazed and Confused at the Drive-In? MCAB.

At some point this year, we will all be guilty of letting the phrases, "There's nothing to do tonight," and, "Why did I come to school in the back woods?" come out of our mouths. It's easy to whine, but usually it's even easier to find something to do.

Almost every weekend, there is a concert, a Grille performance or a McCullough dance party to entertain us. A large percentage of these events happen through the dedication of the Middlebury College Activities Board (MCAB).

MCAB is a surprisingly small organization; only 25 students are responsible for most of the all campus programming. Every MCAB event is designed for the entire student body.

Meagan Dodge '03, the publicity chair, explained that the board attempts to please the majority of campus, while also bringing diverse offerings to Middlebury.

MCAB is organized by committee, with each contributing distinct events to campus life. The concert, special events, social, Grille, publicity and stress-breakers committees bring a range of projects to life on campus.

The concert committee, chaired by Andy Zrike '02, produces the music shows most of us associate with MCAB. Last year, these included Dispatch, Tim Reynolds and Pat McGee.

Last Saturday marked the beginning of this year's musical events, with a performance by Soulive. The concert was in McCullough, with 500 tickets for sale and an amazing turnout of 450.

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"It was a great show," offered Zrike. "Everyone really enjoyed the music." Soulive played their unique blend of jazz that earned them the honor of opening for the Dave Matthews Band this past summer.

Any event that is brought to Middlebury from an off-campus location is organized by the special events committee.

These include the popular hypnotist and mentalist shows that take place during the fall family weekends. The special events committee is also planning an exciting project for later this term.

The chair, Eve Coronado '02, explained that they have managed to reserve the Marquis Theater downtown for the Harry Potter premiere in November.

Two shows will be set aside for students and community friends. Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend with their children, and students are welcome to bring reading buddies or other friends from local programs.

MCAB organizes major initiatives, but they also add to campus life in smaller ways. This term, as autumn progresses, they hope to coordinate leaf piles around campus for students to jump into between classes. MCAB also brings us performances in the Grille every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday evening from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Anyone who is interested can apply to MCAB. An application and a short interview, which are taking place at the end of this week, are required. Contact Lindsay Gardner '03, the MCAB president, for more information.

Sometimes there seems to be nothing to do on campus, and other times we're overwhelmed with choices. But with close to 100 events planned this year, from Harry Potter to leaf piles to Homecoming, the efforts of the students involved in MCAB leave little room for boredom.

Students Demand Extended Bus Hours

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"There's no point in having [the rides] start at 10 p.m. If anything, they should run from 12 a.m. to 5 a.m. Nobody is drunk enough to need a ride at 10 p.m., and people are out a lot later than 2 a.m.," noted Kea Anstey '04.5.

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Much of this concern reflects the general mood that while most students have sober rides to functions, they lose their rides home.

"It's not difficult to arrive safely, but after the party it's important that people find safe rides, and after 2 a.m. on this campus people have no option. Safe Rides would serve more people if it began running later," said Laura Lindel '04.5.

However, there is little the College can do this year to revise the previously arranged time schedules of Safe Rides. When asked about running the shuttle later in the evening, Chase explained that "the contract has already been signed with Addison County," and the College can't easily modify the current system.

Still, despite the displeasure with time schedules, Middlebury College students always have the option of Safe Rides and the good judgement to make wise decisions regarding alcohol consumption and driving automobiles.

Initiation "Traditions" Provoke Controversy

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the so-called "elephant-walk" in which he and his fellow first-years were required to parade in a line in front of their teammates holding the genitals of the person ahead of them. The scandal quickly made national headlines and resulted in the cancellation of the rest of the hockey season and contributed to the resignation of the university's president. The player pressing charges later settled with his former teammates and the school out of court.

If such conduct is illegal, then why do social house, athletic and other group induction rites persist? The UVM panel suggested that the importance of proving oneself through "sacrificial experiences" symbolic of commitment to an organization is ingrained in our society. "Hazing creates hazers" was a predominant theme of the discussion. If coaches, alumni or members of a team of club have had to go through the rituals to gain access to an inner circle, they often expect new recruits to do the same.

On the other hand, some people who've been hazed later take steps to built group unity in less detrimental ways. Back at UVM, the hockey program has made efforts to regain its pride. The team has committed to welcoming and respecting its new players as equals. It has eliminated risky initiations, opting instead for more positive team bonding activities. It has even abolished the tradition of making rookies carry extra bags or retrive pucks after practice, a custom that isn't always considered hazing. After all that's happened, it seems that the players feel that playing hockey is their first priority.

CAMPUS VOICES

What's one last thing do you want to do before the weather gets cold?

Compiled by Megan Michelson

Photos by Louisa Conrad

"Sleep in a cornfield."
-Kate Stamper '04.5

"Play bocce naked"
-Nick Vail '02

"Be in *The Campus*."
-Matthew Riemer '04.5

"Spend hours meditating in the woods."
-Christopher Howard '02

Sophomore Triathlete Thrives on Challenge at World Championships

By Megan Michelson
Features Editor

For most people, the idea of participating in a triathlon, which is a three discipline sporting event that includes swimming, biking and running, is a challenge few are willing or strong enough to take on.

However, for Sarah Groff '04, triathlons provide the kind of challenge that she thrives on. As a high school student in Cooperstown, N.Y., Groff participated in cross country running and competitive swimming. The addition of a third sport, biking, made her a well-rounded triathlete.

"I have always been a competitive swimmer, and it was just a natural progression to add a third discipline," said Groff, who admits that swimming is still her strength and favorite of the three sports.

Groff participates in the swim team at Middlebury College and is postponing her training for triathlons until the school year is over. "Academics are my priority, and with the swim team, it's tough to get training in during the year," said Groff.

Although she participated in her first triathlon at age 16, she was not seriously involved in the sport until last spring, when she hired a coach and decided to go to Lake Placid, N.Y., for the World Qualifiers.

"I had a good race and managed to qualify for World's in my age group," explained Groff, who modestly avoids bringing any unnecessary attention to herself.

When asked about her results at the World Championships, which were held this last July in Edmonton, Canada, Groff quietly mentioned that she earned fifth place in the women's 16-19 age group.

What she failed to mention, however, was that out of 33 women in her age bracket from around the world, Groff placed fifth, and second for the United States, with a total time of 2:20:26. A complete triathlon includes a one and a half kilometer swim, a 40 kilometer bike and a 10 kilometer run.

Her father, Jerry Groff, described her performance at the international competition as amazing. "She was a novice going into it, but she was focused and had a great time," he said, and explained that most of the women Sarah was competing against have been participating in triathlons since they were around eight-years-old. Her father also stressed Sarah's independence and ability to follow up on and achieve her goals on her own.

"We're proud of her, but she's done it all on her own," commented J. Groff. Sarah's father also described her as modest despite the fact that it takes a lot of courage to accomplish what she does.

One of the main benefits of competing at such a high level is the opportunity to meet athletes from all around the world. "I get to come across a lot of dedicated athletes who are great people," described Groff.

Her impressive results at the World Championships would suggest that she has a serious future in the world of elite triathlons. However, for now Groff is content with swimming and studying, and plans on waiting until after she graduates from college to pursue a more serious level.

"After college, I might try to gain elite status, but just for fun; I'm not going to make a living out of it," said Groff.

She is considering attending a six week collegiate development program in Colorado Springs, Colo., this summer, which would give her the chance to work with Olympic coaches.

However, for Groff it is not the winning and the potential for success that encourages her to continue in the field of triathlons. She appreciates the opportunity to meet talented and driven people and overcome the obstacles associated with participating in a high level of competition.

"It's hard, but I like the challenge," she noted.

Airport Security Tightens, But Skies Stay Friendly

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with an attendant in Greenville to prove that there was no bottle in my heavy bag of books. The suspicious bottle-like container was a sunglasses case.

One man in the Detroit airport on his way to Burlington explained that he had to open his shaving kit for an attendant at the Detroit airport. The woman was concerned about his toenail clippers. He had two pairs, and the pair with the file that flips out was confiscated due to its sharp point. I thought this was funny since my Swiss army knife key chain was never questioned.

During the course of the weekend, I spent about seven hours in the Detroit airport. I had the opportunity to do a lot of people watching. The mood was very different from usual. There was very little celebration. No one was rushing. The halls were not empty, but certainly not crowded. It was rare that you went a minute without seeing a police officer or airport security guard. There was a jumpy look on many faces and more tears than usual at the gates. I did, however, overhear a pilot walking through the airport say, "It looks like things are finally starting to get back to normal."

One of the most notable changes at the airports is the FAA regulation that there can be no knives. The restaurants are not allowed to give even plastic knives to their patrons.

Signs explaining this new regulation are displayed at every food counter. According to one man, even the kitchens do not have knives, if they need products cut, they must arrive at the airport in that condition.

The most normal part of the flights was the shuttle bus rides from the gate to the plane and vice versa. Packed in a shuttle bus with a motley crew of fellow passengers, secluded from television screens and newsstands, it's easy to feel normal again. A bus-wide discussion about a word ending in "cu" ensued while trying to help a businessman with his crossword puzzle.

A family of four hailing from Mississippi looked out of place on the Burlington shuttle bus, dressed in Wrangler jeans, cowboy boots, western shirts and big belt buckles. A young mother traveling with her baby was given the same smiles, compliments and oohs and aahs as usual.

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As I said in the beginning of this column, we can't live in fear. We have to go on, no matter how difficult it seems. Undoubtedly, this country isn't the same, and flying isn't the same.

The ticket agent in Greenville said, "Thank you for flying, and please tell all your friends that it's okay to fly." And it is okay to fly.

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Information Session
- **6:00** - Equity, fixed income, investment banking

Tues., Oct. 2, 5:00, Robert A. Jones '59 House
Graduate Programs in International Affairs Panel
Co-sponsored by the Center for International Affairs
Participating schools:
- The Fletcher School at Tufts, The School of International & Public Affairs at Columbia, The Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton, The School of Advanced International Studies at John Hopkins, and The School of Foreign Service at Georgetown

Tues., Oct. 2, 10:00-2:00, Proctor Woodstove
University of New Hampshire Graduate School
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Tues., Oct. 2, 12:30-1:30, Robert A. Jones '59 House
Deutsche Banc Alex.Brown
- Join the CSO staff in a roundtable discussion featuring a teleconference call

Tues., Oct. 2, 6:00, BiHall 220
Adams, Harkness & Hill
Information Session:
- An investment bank whose mission is to help emerging growth companies

Thurs., October 4, 6:00, BiHall 216
J. P. Morgan Chase & Co
Information Session:
- "Our customers will be looking to us for leadership"

Thurs., October 4, 7:30, Munroe Lecture Hall
Symposium of Law School & Admission Process
Participants:
- Harvard Law School, Univ. of Chicago Law School, Stanford Law School

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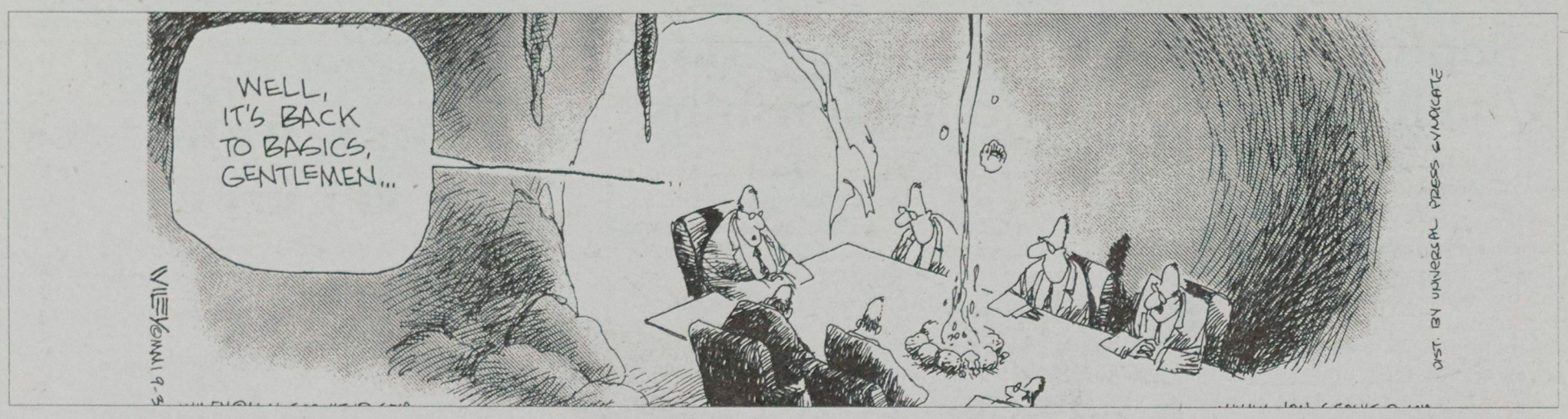
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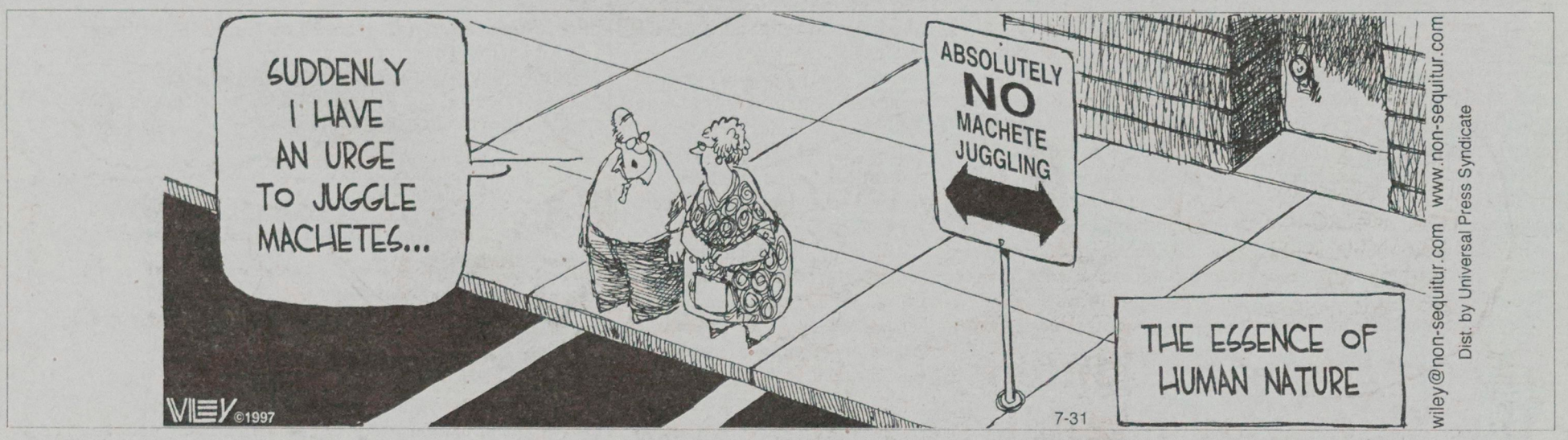
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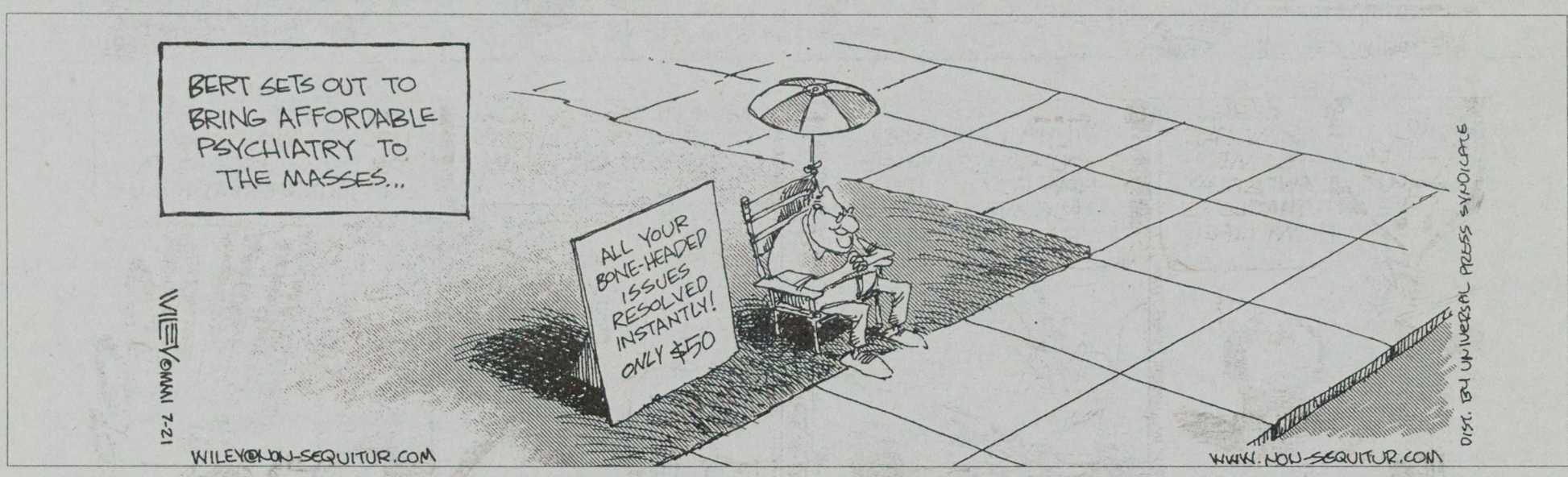
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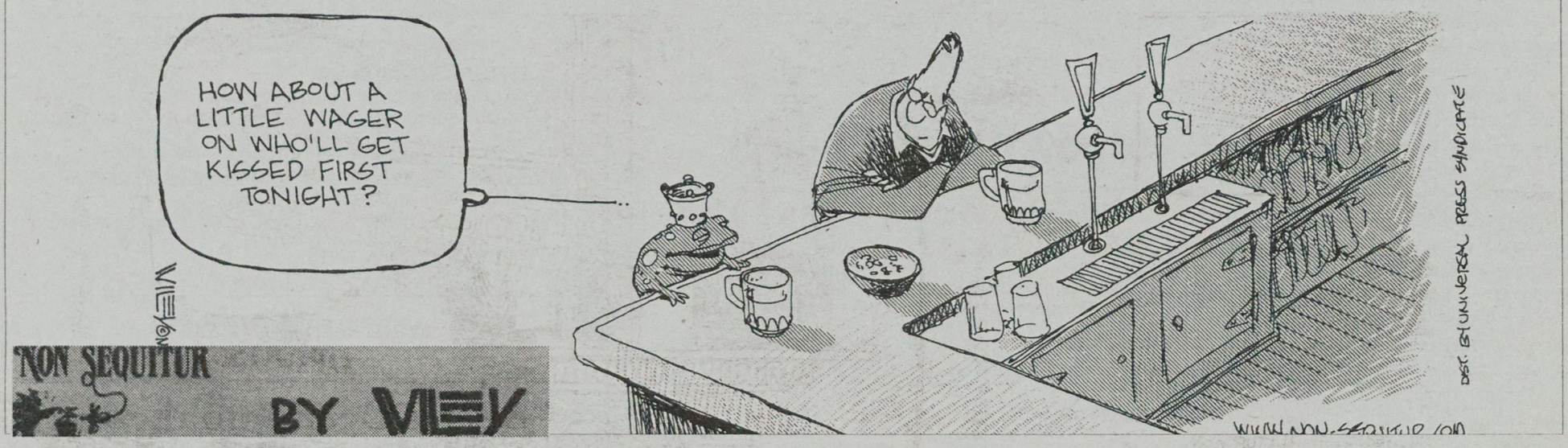
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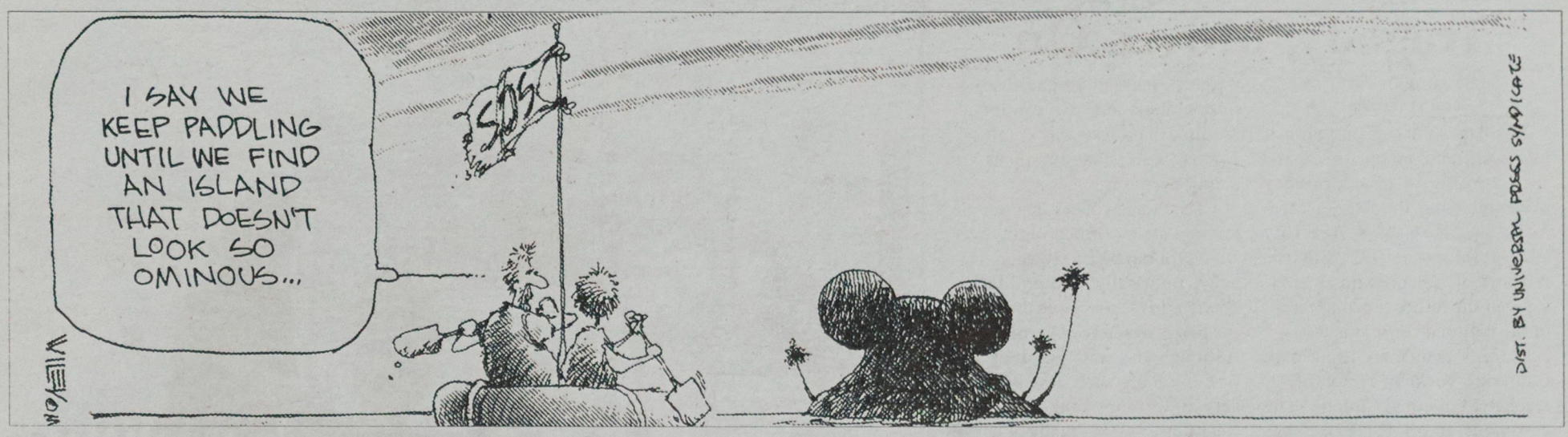
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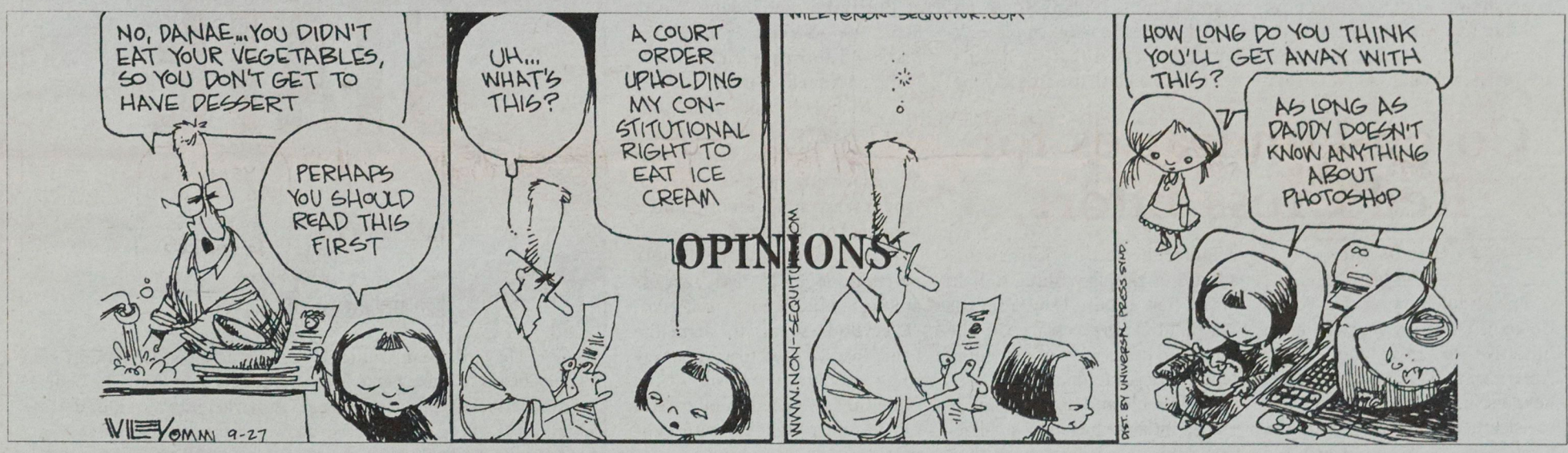
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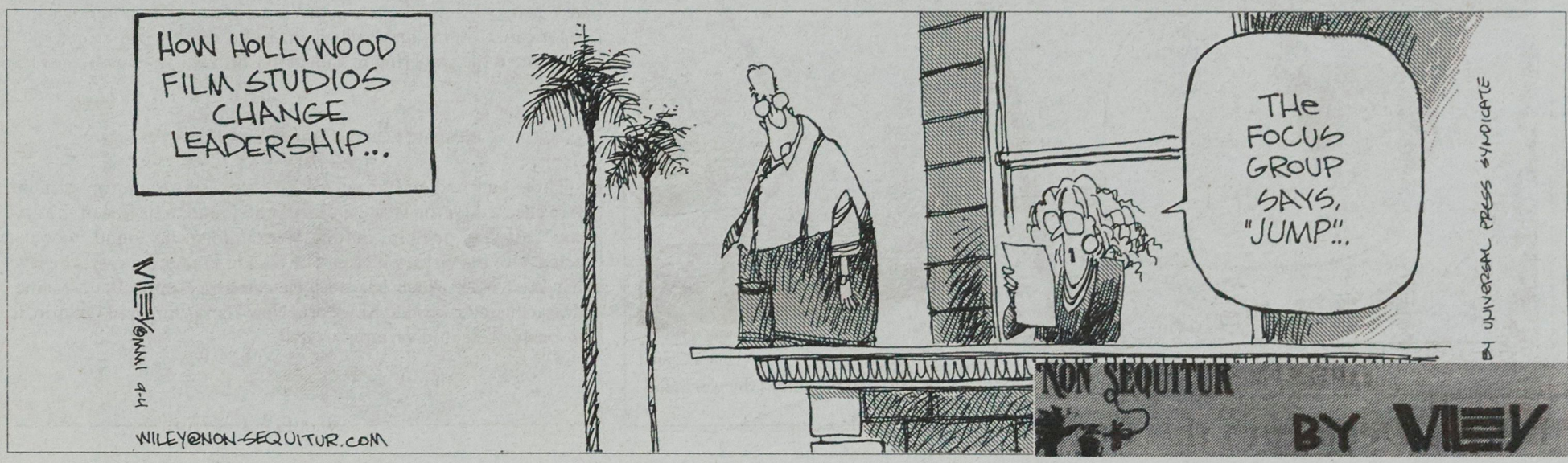
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Town, Still Reeling from Tragedy, Moves On

By Anne DeWitt
Local News Editor

The flag is once again flying at full mast, and many Americans are returning to their everyday lives, following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C., But the memory of violence and an anxiety over the future remain present in the national consciousness.

"I think people are tired," said Catherine Nichols, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. "The enormous emotional aspect has taken a toll."

"What's happening is a lot of trying to grapple with how to respond now," said Johanna Nichols, minister at the Unitarian Universalist Society. Initially, people could channel the emotions of their reaction into helping with the rescue effort by giving money or donating blood. She describes a shift from grief, shock and mourning to a mood of concern over what to expect now.

John Tenny, chair of the town select board, says he "feels [the terrorist attacks] as a heavy weight, a sense of fatigue, distraction, aimlessness" He continued, "I think that's probably common. I don't expect that any of us are acting normally."

C. Nichols believes that people are in a state of uncertainty over what will happen next, economically, politically and militarily. Tenny adds fears about threats to the personal safety of Vermonters. Although the state is taking action to secure such potential targets as Vermont Yankee, the nuclear power plant, "many of us are very worried about the vulnerability of our water supply," said Tenny.

Everybody seems to share the belief that we need to act in a way as to reduce terrorism. At the same time, we need to be careful not to return ugliness with ugliness.

—John Tenny, chair of the town select board

Aggression from outsiders remains a fear, but Tenny is happy to note that these worries have not been aggravated by violence within the community.

Although the police were placed on an alert in the hours following the attacks in order to deal with such crises as the bomb scare at Emma Willard House, no actual crimes have taken place. "I am very pleased that we haven't seen any backlash towards anyone of Muslim background," Tenny notes.

Patriotic fervor among his clients has impressed Christian Holmes, manager of Mister Up's Restaurant. This sense of solidarity means increased support for President George Bush, even among those who have long criticized his administration. Present at the restaurant during Bush's Sept. 20 address, Holmes remarked that the speech tended to "calm and quell" fears.

C. Nichols has observed support for the president balanced with concerns about waging war. She especially notes a sense of "sober restraint" among older members of the community.

Tenny concurs with Nichol's perceptions of a dual attitude among Middlebury citizens. "Everybody seems to share the belief that we need to act in a way so as to reduce terrorism. At the same time, we need to be careful not to return ugliness with ugliness."

"There are a lot of people in Middlebury who are pro-peace, pro-diplomacy and are just not into a militaristic approach," agreed J. Nichols.

Although anxieties about the future are present, people are beginning to move on. "There are a lot of very human needs in Middlebury that still need to be addressed," said J. Nichols.

Business at Mister Up's is back to its regular volume. "Tuesday and Wednesday [Sept. 11 and 12] people were in a state of shock, not wanting to go to work or go out to eat," he said. But now sales have returned to normal, a fact that Holmes finds surprising given the state of the stock market and worries about the economy expressed by many clients. "I didn't expect people to be spending money, especially on luxury items like dining out."

Final Feast

Louisa Conrad

Savoring the very last taste of fall before the weather forces people inside their homes, *families lined up for flavored ice at the Bristol Harvest Festival held on Saturday.*

Co-op Fundraises for Red Cross Effort

By Anne DeWitt
Local News Editor

The Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op is currently supporting an initiative to raise money for American Red Cross efforts to relieve victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and their families. Customers checking out can add their donation to their total bill; the Co-op will then funnel the money to Red Cross.

The effort was begun by employee Angie Brace-Jimmo. Immediately after the attacks, Brace-Jimmo called to see if she could volunteer her aid, but learned that a flood of people wishing to help made her aid in New York or Washington unnecessary. So she turned to other ways of providing relief. "I've got to do something—it's so terrible and devastating."

The intiative began as a collection from co-op employees, then extended to include customers. Over $1,000 dollars had been collected as of Friday, Sept. 21, just a week after the start of the initiative, which the co-op will continue as long as donations keep coming in.

Hanging Out

Louisa Conrad

Holding on for dear life to the chains of her swing, Maggie Parfitt, 3, of Middlebury enjoys the warm fall day out in front of Twilight Hall.

STATE shorts

By Anne DeWitt
Local News Editor

Dean Warns of Budget Cuts

Gov. Howard Dean cautioned public schools, UVM and state agency heads to expect cuts in their budgets next year. The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks sent the sagging stock market into a serious decline, a trend that will probably lead to a lower-than-predicted tax revenue for the state. Particular sources of concern are the fall foliage season and General Electric in Rutland, which may be affected by losses in the airline industry. Managers in the government and officials at UVM have been told not to plan on increasing their budgets, and the grants that the state pays for each UVM student have been frozen at $5,448.

Possible Targets for Terror in Vermont

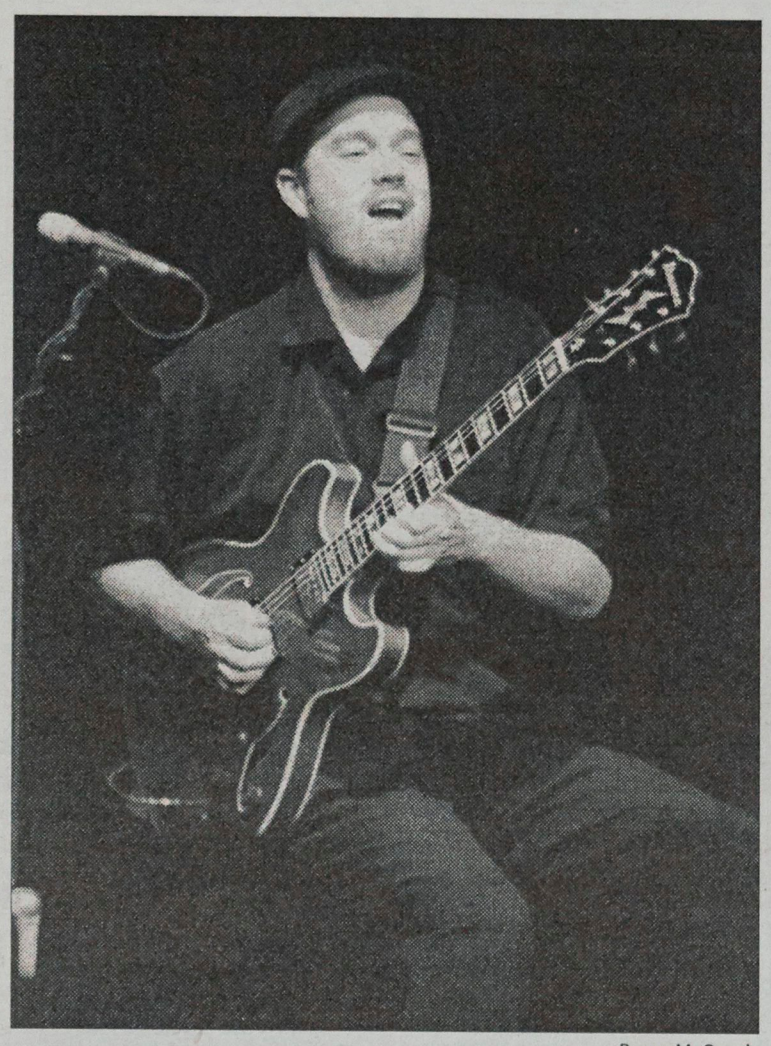
Gov. Howard Dean and his administration are looking at Vermont sites that might potentially be vulnerable to terrorist attack. Locations of concern are Vermont Yankee, the state's sole power plant and electric transmission lines that cross the state.

Islamic Society Effort to Educate

The Islamic Society of Vermont held an open house in Colchester on Sunday, Sept. 23. The goal was to teach people about Islam and to emphasize that the perpetrators of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks were acting against the tenets of the religion. Hate crimes against American Muslims have spiked since the attacks. An armed man confronted the gathering in Colchester on Sunday. No one was injured.

Vermont Remains Free of West Nile—For Now

Three hundred and seventeen bird carcasses found in Vermont were checked for the West Nile virus and found to be free of the disease. Last year, one bird out of 250 examined was found to be infected with the virus, which can be fatal to humans. Experts believe that West Nile, which has been detected in Connecticut, Maine, Massachussetts, upstate New York, New Hampshire and Ontario, is probably present in Vermont as well.



Bryan McQuade

Soulive, based out of New York, played their trademark jazz sound to a packed McCullough social space on Saturday evening.

Soulive Spreads Positive Vibes

By Andy Zrike and Bryan McQuade
Staff Writers

On Saturday evening, the New York based trio Soulive played over two hours of groove filled jazz to a full house in the McCullough social space.

The Blue Note recording artists, made up of brothers Alan Evans and Neal Evans on drums and Hammond B3 organ respectively, and Eric Krasno on guitar, draws its audience based on a reputation for lengthy improvisations, tight sound and an ability to get the audience out of their seats and dancing. The group has been on the rise since its inception just a few years ago.

Countless live dates, including opening slots for John Scofield and the Dave Matthews Band, have given the trio exposure to a wide audience. The band is building its reputation by playing live and feeding off the energy of the crowd to further elevate their music.

In McCullough, each musician in the group played an integral part in creating the band's trademark jazz sound. Alan anchored the group with his tight drumming while adding flair to each song with appropriately placed solos and fills. Krasno feverishly worked the strings of his guitar, feeding off Neal's solid bass lines and keyboard, and leading the band's improvisations for the night. To complete the mix, Sam Kinninger played saxophone on several songs.

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His presence was especially felt during the rocking tune Cannonball, which was performed midway through their set.

As each member warmed up and found his place in the mix, the band launched into one of their signature tunes, "Cash's Dream." As Soulive became more comfortable, so too did the audience, which loosened up and began to move along to the music. Through Soulive standards like "Doin' Something," "Hurry up... and Wait," "One in Seven" and covers like Stevie Wonder's "Jesus Children of America," Soulive's sound had the crowd dancing.

Saturday night's concert was Soulive's first since the tragic events of Sept. 11. After cancelling several shows, there were questions as to how the events would effect Soulive's performance at Middlebury.

All fears were laid aside after the first song, when Alan told the crowd that "everything would be okay". In the wake of the incident, he urged the audience to "take it upon themselves to go out in the community, look around, see what's happening and do what ever you can to make things better." A heartfelt rendition of Stevie Ray Vaughn's "Lenny" followed, dedicated to the victims of the tragedies.

Playing much longer than anticipated, the trio delighted its audience from start to finish.

A cheering crowd brought Soulive back to the stage for one more tune. The band chose to close with its new song, "Liberty." Leaving the stage, Alan closed the night by encouraging those in attendance to "do good." On Saturday night, Soulive put on an excellent show, spreading a positive vibe through their inspirational music and words.

Soulive's sophomore album, "Doin' Something" was released in 2001, after their freshman effort "Turn It Out," from 2000. Look out for more to come.

Joe Strummer's Way: 'The Mescaleros' Explore

By Allison Quady
Arts Editor

Fueled by front man Joe Strummer's ideals and expression of dissonant rock, The Clash emerged as a popular force for change in the political rock and roll/punk world of the 1970-80s. In the era of the Cold War and the Berlin Crises, albums like "Combat Rock" and "London Calling" and songs such as "Bored with the U.S.A" established The Clash as both popular punk rockers and discordant activists

History surges forth, The Clash recedes into the background and decades later Joe Strummer continues in his industrious attempt at conveying our melting pot of a world in his musical art.

Since the Clash, Strummer's had more than a few gigs and exploits into the business of entertaining, including an acting role in Bob Dylan's "Down in The Groove" and the recent emergence two years ago of Joe Strummer and The Mescaleros. After an 11-year musical hiatus, Strummer has released two new albums in the last 18 months.

The latest album, "Global A Go-Go," blends American folk, Euro punk and rock, along with the eclectic rhythms of world music, including Celtic, Cuban and Asian influences. Like The Clash's "Combat Rock," the album is replete with politics, only now they are the new politics of the east and west, a new 21st century world view of the economics sustaining the superpower of the west and those individuals or communities fighting for and against freedom throughout our shrinking world.

The result is a busy mess of political messages, ranging from lyrics mentioning China's Mah Jong to the Mexican Zapatista movement.

The song "Gamma Ray" eerily presupposes the future, ruled by nuclear weapons with the very few, utterly random survivors who squeeze under protection of the gamma ray. The violin, the bongos, the drums and other beats add to the tragic tone of the song, recognizable in previous Clash albums and in the punk genre.

Alarmist, alarming or most definitely entertaining, many of the songs on the album take ideas to epic proportions. The listener is carried by imaginative lyrics and melodies that both relieve the heart from the normal routine, and remind the mind of the social dimensions of our world.

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A source from Strummer's label, Hell Cat Records, quotes Strummer concerning the diversity of his new album, "It would be nice to turn on the radio and hear something that didn't make you feel like smashing up the kitchen and strangling the cat. People have told me songs I've written have changed their life...that keeps the faith."

Whether Strummer's songs

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Improved Gamut Goodness, Local and Organic

By Pierce Graham-Jones
Staff Writer

Before McCullough, there was the Gamut Room. It reigned as the weeknight place where students could congregate, study, eat and listen to student and local blue-grass bands. "There was always stuff going on," said Matt Sommerville '02, who, along with Jean Hamilton '04.5, is trying to revitalize some of his freshman memories of the "Gam," as it is affectionately called by those who frequent the space.

Unfortunately, there has not always been stuff going on in the student-run Gamut Room for the past two years. As McCullough established itself as the dominant student gathering and watering hole after its renovation in 1998, people increasingly forgot about the Gamut Room.

It is located in the basement of Gifford Hall with its own outside entrance within a miniature amphitheatre. The entrance accesses the middle of one of the long sides of the room.

Allison Alkire

Erwin Allen and the Route Seven Ramblers play at the Gamut Room on Thursday night as part of the new lineup which will hopefully bring more students to the space to hear live music.

Upon entering the long, thin, rectangular shaped room for the first time, one immediately notices the colorful walls which contrast with the semi-darkness that sets the atmosphere on concert nights.

This color is a result of student artwork,,paintings covering every inch of every wall, which is refreshed each spring with new paintings from new student artists. Some paintings, such as one with "can't fake the funk" splashed underneath, are never to be painted over. The Gamut changes every year, but some traditions remain.

To the right is an elevated stage, large enough to hold a five-member band but small enough so that it seems as if every band member is near the front edge. To the left is an elevated viewpoint about the same height as the stage. Both the upper and lower lounges/viewing areas are jammed with tables, chairs and couches. The tables, chairs and couches were, at the grand open-

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Community Through Mbira Music; More Than Performance

By Kate DeForest
Arts Editor

The mbira is a deceptively simple looking instrument for having such resonant and emotional power. On Tuesday night an audience had the extraordinary experience of sharing in that power with two of Zimbabwe's most notable mbira artists, Ambuya Beauler Dyoko and Cosmos Magaya.

The pair of musicians took the stage at the CFA Concert Hall shortly after 8 p.m., sitting immediately, and began to play without speaking. Both Dyoko and Magaya were dressed in tones of earthy greens, golds and browns, their mbiras each hidden within a hollowed gourd shell. The mbira itself is an instrument of ancient origin with 22 to 28 tuned, forged keys arranged in rows so that they may be played by both thumbs and one forefinger.

The gourd, called a deze, which Magaya later disclosed as being fiberglass (being sturdier for travel than a natural gourd) acts as an amplifier, and both his and Dyoko's dezes were ringed with bottle caps, which created a buzzing background to the metallic plucking of the mbiras. The buzzing is intentional, both acting as a filter through which the sound of the mbira can be clearly heard, as well as adding depth and content to the individual mbira tones. Upon explaining the caps, Magaya quipped, "So remember next time you drink a Coke or a beer, there is music in the bottle top."

Yet those materials are the perfect form for the content of the music, as it is music that is made to be shared and explored as a community; instruments of native and found materials are entirely within the spirit of using whatever is available to share the kind of enraptured transport from the quotidian mbira music can bring (even as many of lyrics are about daily life).

Magaya called the mbira a "very religious instrument." In Zimbabwe it is the driving force behind traditional ceremonies (mapira) in which the Shona people, to whom the mbira is native, participate in order to communicate with the spirits of deceased ancestors. The last song of the night was the type of song that would be played at a guva ceremony, one that calls the soul of one who has been deceased for nearly a year back to the community in which that soul had lived.

The title, roughly, was "Homesickness," and the melody was one that was enticing and nostalgic. The players seemed to command the tone of the mbira itself to dim its bright tones into a softly woven subtle tune.

Each song began slowly, sparsely but gained momentum as the two players embarked upon their respective polyphonic and polyrhythmic paths, playing the kushara (leading) and kutsinhira (intertwining) parts that make up a piece of mbira music.

In glances and smiles, Dyoko and Magaya followed one another through the song, playing only the mbiras, until Dyoko would break out into song, once the cyclic pattern of the mbira tones was established in the listener's ear. Her voice, faint at first, rose into a husky alto as she sang in her native tongue about the necessity for a foundation to be laid before a house could be built (the meanings of the songs were explained in brief directly after they were performed, by either Magaya or Dyoko, both of whom also composed some of the music).

The songs mainly focused on community, whether it be familial, local or global, and often used domestic settings to elucidate large scale issues within a comprehensible frame.

After nearly an hour of playing, chatting and sharing with the audience, the musicians called a short intermission. At the cessation of the break, they resumed the stage, this time Dyoko inviting those in attendance to share more fully in the music by dancing along, clapping and doing whatever it was they thought would bring them closer to experiencing the community the music had fostered within the concert hall. She entreated, "Come and dance. You mustn't only dance just in here (placing her fist over her heart) you must dance with your whole body too." And, to my surprise and delight a group of students and other audience members took her up on the invitation, venturing cautiously toward the stage and eventually dancing exuberantly upon it. It was as if the fourth wall had tumbled from the force of stomping feet and hands clapping in syncopated time; the audience and musicians were now both active participants in the creation of joyful sound.

The mbira music is not quiet music. It is noisy music. It is not Bartok – you don't feel like you're working on a complicated math problem as you're listening. However, throughout the concert, whether or not the hosho's (seed filled gourds that are shaken in a short-short-long rhythm) were being played, I felt the music in my heart, vibrating through my arms and feet and coarsing along my shoulders.

The listener is implicated by the music as being one of a community, and I could easily see what it was that persuaded those who danced upon the stage to do so; the spirit of the music made it seem more natural to dance than to sit, no matter what the venue.

Dyoko and Magaya's concert last night was the first time they had been to Middlebury, the town or the College, though they have toured both the United States and Europe before. They were as gracious to the audience as the audience was receptive to their gift, thanking us for sharing their music and their culture with them for the night. Each is a bandleader with their own band – Magaya with Mhuri yekwaMagaya, Dyoko with The Black Souls – but have collaborated with one another to produce a CD which was available after the performance. As sharp as recordings have gotten, I can't believe any recording could do what is such a visceral and deep performance justice.

Alex Westra

Zimbabwean musicians Ambuya Beauler Dyoko and Cosmas Mogaya delighted the crowd at the CFA on Tuesday.

'Flying Nurse' Grounded by Earthbound Poetry

By Laura Rockefeller
Staff Writer

On the afternoon of Sept. 24, Mary Jane Nealon gave a reading of her poetry in the Mitchell Green Lounge followed by a dinner at PALANA house. Nealon's poetry draws strongly on her experiences over the past 26 years working as a registered nurse in New Jersey and New York City. In the wake of the events of Sept. 11, she is currently studying the effects of trauma on the residents of New York City.

Up to this point, Nealon's main focus in nursing has been on helping patients with AIDS, especially patients who are simultaneously struggling with other concerns including mental illness. She began her extensive work with AIDS back when it was still referred to as one of the "GIDs" – "Gay Infectious Diseases." The strides that have been made in the treatment and views of AIDS over the past years are mirrored and expressed throughout Nealon's poetry.

In her opening statements, Nealon said, "I try to write from the life that I'm living, which sometimes makes really bad poetry." However, in this case it made for poetry that told a fascinating story.

Louisa Conrad

Poet Mary Jane Nealon read her poems passionately on Monday afternoon in Mitchell Green Lounge.

Nealon's selections began with a poem that recounted her experiences as a "flying nurse," when she was paid to work in obscure locations where few nurses would venture. Her first poem, therefore, described the life that she viewed while stationed in a small town in Louisiana.

Throughout the reading, the poems told stories, both Nealon's own and those of others. Many of the poems that followed, such as "You're Suicide" told the stories of patients she had worked with, and experiences she had while visiting the "flop houses" of New York City. Her poems described in graphic detail the wretched condition of the people crowded into these buildings like cattle, forced to live in four by six cubicles, fifty to a floor with one bathroom. She began to get quite emotional in describing the scenes her patients had endured day after day.

Part of the appeal of these poems was the stories of the people behind them. Nealon recounted many anecdotes of incidents with her patients and things that they had said. One of her favorite quotes was from an AIDS patients who had explained to her, "Everything's fine until you take your toys apart as a child and realize you can't put them back together."

These remarks livened up the reading, which might otherwise have been quite heavy, as Nealon declaimed early on, "I don't have cheerful things." Though her poems may not be cheerful, there is a verisimilitude to them that makes them captivate the listener.

Other poems, like "Your Face Is A Melon," told more personal tales about her life as a child, especially her emotions after her brother's death. She wrote concerning her feelings and his illness in vivid terms in "Johnny," referring to "the dreaded roller coaster" of his illness, and to the pain of her gnawing memories.

The lighter childhood stories often dealt with her father and mother who, as she said, "fell in love in third grade." She spoke in glowing terms of them and their relationship, although she pointed out that her policeman father "thought everybody was secretly committing a crime."

These fun and lighthearted reminiscences were somewhat tainted at the end, however, by a comment in the poem "Then": "Precarious and precious…notice how close those words are to each other." And indeed her poems told of a happy childhood brought to an abrupt end by the tumor her brother developed.

An overriding message from Nealon's work seemed to be embodied in another quote from her father, "You have to be prepared for things you could never imagine." The poems she read told of people dealing with terrible situations with incredible fortitude. Her latest book of poetry, from which she was reading, is entitled "Rogue Apostle." For more information about the book and poet, look at http://www.fourwaybooks.com.

On 'Savantage': Words From a True Metal Fan

By Michael O'Brien
Staff Writer

On Sept. 22, as a birthday present to myself, I drove down to New Jersey with a friend to see Savatage. You don't know who Savatage is. That's a given. To give you a bit of an idea, they're one of the most prominent and permanent influences in heavy metal music today.

They were playing the Birch Hill Club in Old Bridge, N.J. along with Etheria, Circle IX (both local bands) and modern thrash metal icons Nevermore. From the short description I've given of Savatage, you might think that Birch Hill is some massive complex hosting thousands, given that Metallica and Ozzfest play to sold-out stadiums. In reality only 200 people came to hear them play, some driving nearly as far as I did.

Most people, I think, would be surprised by the crowds the four metal bands drew in. The bands were about three-fourths male and ranged in age from 18 to 50, and there was even an 80-year-old man, dressed in a white polo shirt, that stood up in the front right next to the left speaker. The singers from Circle IX and Nevermore both greeted him from the stage, either by shaking his hand or rubbing his bald head. For the most part the crowd was made up of people that you wouldn't look twice at if you saw them in public. Besides a fair amount of men with long hair, and shirts proclaiming their allegiance to Iron Maiden, Savatage, Dream Theater, Black Sabbath and Blind Guardian, the crowd was quite normal. There was even a marked lack of visible tattoos and body piercings, as true metalheads carry their devotion on the inside.

There are hundreds of bands that consider themselves [metal], but go unknown by the majority of the population.

You may have noticed that I've just distinguished the bands I went to see as "true" metal. There are hundreds of bands across the United States and Europe that consider themselves such, but go unknown by the majority of the population. Even those people who like music just because it is anti-mainstream stay far away from metal. Metal isn't the current trend of Limp Bizkit, Korn, Slipknot and their descendants. True metal gets absolutely no national airplay.

What this means is that there is a sort of solidarity among metalheads. I could walk up to a guy wearing an Opeth shirt and ask him if he saw them in concert last spring and end up knowing his name, where he's from and be invited to come down for a certain concert in whatever city he frequents. Even the small mosh pit that got started during Nevermore was fairly good-natured.

Now that I've set the scene, it's time to talk a little about the music. The opening bands were all enjoyable – a rare event – but for me nothing compared to Savatage's powerful performance. The band is made up of six guys, a lineup that has changed much in the 20 years Savatage has been around, including two lead guitars, a bassist, a drummer, a keyboardist and two lead vocalists. For much of their music everyone is playing at once, woven together with the expertise of a classical composer. There's no fingerpicking, no rap-rock and every song is unique. Savatage is quite a feat as a band, for they played 22 songs, two whole hours without intermission.

The feel of Savatage's music is extraordinarily varied. It's all loud and dramatic, but they are able to go from a gentle ballad like "All That I Bleed" to bone-crushing power metal like "Commissar," sometimes in the same song as in "The Wake of Magellan." Their lyrics are not the stereotypical "kill 'em all" or horror themes normally associated with metal. Much like Black Sabbath, they've moved from fearing Satan to reaching for salvation—"And the soul cries out for a handful of rain" being exemplary of the latter attitude. Perhaps my favorite song of the night was "Chance," a heavily allegorical eight-minute song in five movements containing marvelous imagery ("See the people standing in a row / See them nodding like a field of grain / No one sees the sickle though / Coming cross the plain"). Savatage's trademark layered vocals, in which three different vocal strains are sung together, weaving in and out of each other, soar as the speaker tries to resolve his mental anguish.

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And it was all undoubtedly loud. I kept thinking someone was stepping on my foot until I realized that it was my shoe vibrating against my sock. When I stepped up onto the substage, with only one person between me and the band, my shoe stopped its shuddering and my pant legs started.

Despite the fact that I'd spent eight hours behind the wheel that day, despite not having anything to eat or drink since three that afternoon, despite being hot, sweaty and tired, I pumped my fist and sang along with all my might. And even then I couldn't give back what the band poured out to their fans in a wave of sound that threatened to drown us all with its beauty and power.

Work of Art

Louisa Conrad

Joe Schine '03 creates a masterpiece on canvas outside of New Dorms on Sunday afternoon.

The Week in Art:

Wendsday, Sept. 24
8 p.m.
Toots and The Maytals; Higher Ground, Winooski, $20 advance/ $22 door

Thursday, Sept 25
8 p.m.
Sound Tribe Sector 9; Higher Ground, Winooski, $8 advance/ $10 door

Friday, Sept. 21
7 p.m.
American Movie Club: "Traffic"; Dana Auditorium

8 p.m.
Cyrus Chestnut Trio; CFA Concert Hall

8:30 p.m.
"Trash Covered Eyes" Photography by Chris Timberlake '01.5, with musical guest Hijack The Disco; Johnson

9 p.m.
John Priest Comedian; McCullough
$3 with MCAB Club Card, $5 all others

9:30 p.m.
American Movie Club, "Traffic"; Dana Auditorium

Saturday, Sept. 29
10:30 a.m.
Cyrus Chestnut jazz workshop; McCullough

12 p.m.
Slide Lecture: "The Values of Young America"; Arts Center, Music Classroom, John P. Williams, Abernathy Professor of American Literature

3 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Hirschfield Series: Polar X; Dana Auditorium

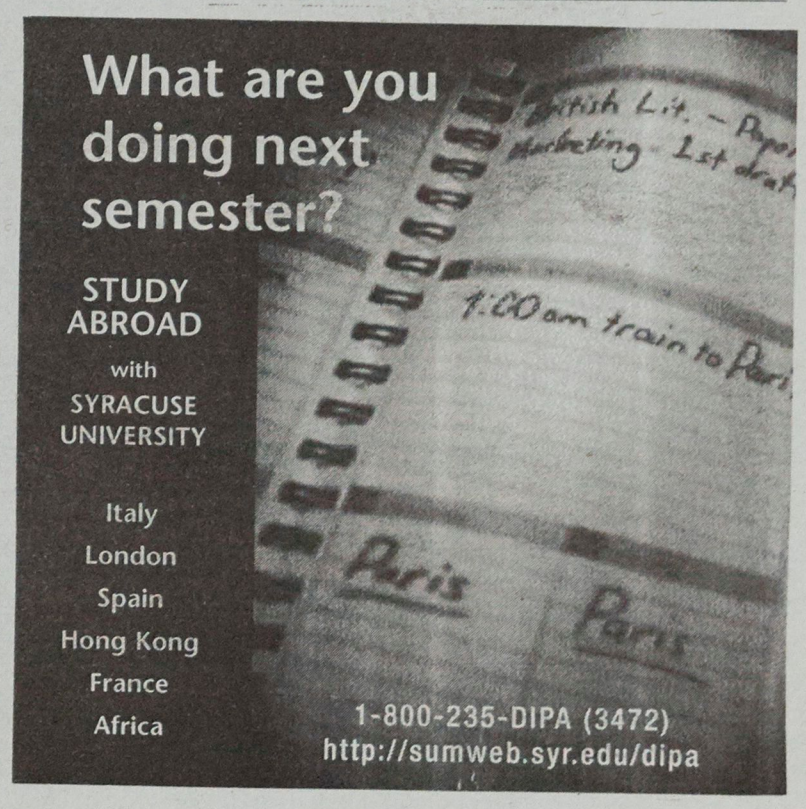
8 p.m.
Vermont Symphony Orchestra; CFA Concert Hall

2 and 6 p.m.
Circus Royale; Memorial Auditorium, Burlington

Sunday, Sept. 30
7 p.m.
Wilco; Higher Ground $18 advance, $20 door

2 p.m.
Circus Royale; Memorial Auditorium, Burlington

Monday, Oct. 1
7:30 p.m.
Short Films: Rhythmus 21; Castro Street; Twilight Lecture Hall



'Rides of the Midway': Questions of Free Will and Religion

By Kate DeForest
Arts Editor

Let's face it; an author has to be either incredibly confident or incredibly brash to open a book with a quote from Robert Frost. Now, consider the fact that "What but design of darkness to appall – / If design govern in a thing so small" is the quote and that the book it opens is the first full-length novel for author Lee Durkee. Yet, against all odds of expectations, the book not only manages to deserve the use of Frost's observation, but also incorporates, in the second part, a verse from "The Mahabharata" just as adeptly.

Upon opening the page to such a deeply frightening snip of verse, the impulse is to assume that the following pages would be laden with serious prose taking itself very seriously, but Durkee's work is infused with both the subtle and the not-so-subtle, yet is thoroughly and deeply funny. "Rides of the Midway," his rookie effort, is a serious work that looks at human existence and pits chance against God, all within the geographic psyche of Mississippi.

He sets the book in Hattiesburg, Miss., a town where Ouiji boards are considered to be "mildy satanic" and a men who have a passing resemblance to Billy Graham are invested with nearly the same amount of authority as the evangelist himself. Durkee then sets the town upon its ear by introducing a tragedy of chance: a little league catcher falls into a coma after a fellow player runs into him, attempting to stretch a triple into an in-the-park homer.

A million tragedies, both great and small, happen every day. In the past few weeks Americans as a whole have had to acknowledge our own fragility on a large scale, in addition to our personal and familial misfortunes. In light of those recent catastrophes "Rides" becomes even more pertinent, as its wry narration parallels Christian ideas of God's will with the secular notions of fate and chance and, most importantly, free will.

Durkee's style is one that is distinctive, yet difficult to describe. His prose is rich, but not lush, straightforward, but poetic (think, perhaps, of Philip Larkin, only less jaded, less desperate) in its sparse way. His foreshadowing is done with as light a touch as an artist smudging charcoal, softly, but filling the glaring white of the page with a soft fullness. The importance of an early description, such as the following about one of the rides from which the book takes its name:

"At night, streamlined with hundreds of small, clear bulbs, it resembled a polished black octopus, the spinning cockpits slingshotting toward earth, the tentacles engraved with a fierce red calligraphy. In later years it would return to town disguised under bright shades of metal-flake enamel and bearing various demonic aliases and blasting heavy-metal soundtracks, but Noel always recognized the Black Dragon on sight and rode it dozens of times. As he got older he rode it drunk and stoned and once he rode it with a Polaroid of a naked woman in his back pocket."

He tries escaping the act, becoming involved with drugs and alochol, distancing himself from his family.

Each word, each phrase, punctuation and lack thereof, is weighted, and becomes compounded in importance as the book progresses.

One of the most fascinating aspects of the book is the way the plot plays with the reader, enticing him to at once believe the world is both ordered and chaotic, governed by some higher force and governed by no force but that of hap.

Durkee's protagonist, Noel Weatherspoon, wanders through his life after his little league collision put Ross Altman in a coma. He tries escaping the act, becoming involved with drugs and alcohol, distancing himself from his family.

If there is such a thing as hopeful desperation, Durkee has surely hit upon it. Throughout Noel's life the kinds of things that happen are the kinds of things that people say, "That shouldn't have to happen to anyone." Durkee pushes the saying farther, questioning why they should have to happen at all. To this question he gives no answer, perhaps because there is none, giving root to the desperation.

However, the hopefulness cannot be denied, as the final tremendous act of the book, one that is both supernatural and concrete, religious and secular, makes the question of chaos versus order less important than our ability to exercise free will, even if that ability be part by design.

Ambitious 'Global A Go-Go' Escapes Parameters

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change lives or not, they have an uplifting power for an audience unsatisfied with the narrow parameters of genre.

Whether in style or content, songs such as "Mega Bottle Ride" take the listener away from immediate self-conscious concerns and into, "the fourth dimension," a place of creative human interaction. With the chorus, "Throw it all away, yeah, we've gone Balkan anyway…," the listener is carried on a modern magic carpet ride in time and space.

The song, "Mondo Bongo, "is reminiscent of Manu Chao's song of a similar title, turned slower and more reflective. The pervasive politics of "Global A Go-Go" do not point to good and to bad, between freedom fighters or zealots and the institutions that attempt to bind them, but rather to the subtleties and glaring inconsistencies in human history, past and present.

At times, the lyrics run away with themselves in an onslaught of names and places with perhaps a poetic, but not necessarily a literal meaning because of the jumble. Grasped in the abstract, the songs breath awareness of other existences, other lifestyles, of the "other" requirement many of us may be missing.

"Global A Go-Go" doesn't rest with the heavy stuff, but rather puts a random New Zealander's quest for diversity in looking for mashi-peas on a par with the mish-mash of musical cultures in the song "Bhindi Bagee."

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Besides Strummer, the creative souls behind the band are former "Black Grape" guitarist Martin Slattery, Scott Shields, Tymon Dogg and Pablo Cook.

The blending of both acoustic and electronic string and percussiom instruments is a collaborative effort, without the expectation of a certain sound. This is not an album for genre obsessed fans of any sort, especially not for punk fans who may feel the loss of edge, replaced by a multi-cultural beat.

Comfort in Local Blue-Grass, Intimate Space

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ing on Thursday, jammed with people—mostly students of every class, but there were a couple of non-students, perhaps professors, as well. It was striking how many people were there, and on further observation the smallness of the room became apparent.

However, the result was an easy intimacy: a good place to listen or play music, without the expectation of perfection. On the stage was Irwin Allen and the Route 7 Boys. Or, I should say, the Route 7 Boys without their lead singer. Nobody really seemed to care though; they began playing without their lead, and before long the atmosphere carried the music. As the musicians began to settle in, the music needed no carrying, with particularly good solos from both banjo and violin.

The plan for the upcoming semester is that concerts will happen at least every Thursday. The Gam is accessible to any student band that would like to play there (all they need to do is contact either Sommerville or Hamilton) and it also acts as host to many of the very talented Burlington blue-grass musicians.

The food has also been radically improved. All of it is made from scratch with food bought from the local co-op. Home baked brownies, cookies and apple pies are always available along with tea, coffee, apple cider and hot chocolate in the winter.

A grilled cheese from the Gam is made with locally baked bread and locally made cheese. This year they hope to offer a more socially conscious and fresh alternative to The Grille.

Hopefully, under the new management, the Gamut will again flourish as a popular place for every type of student to go on weeknights and will support the students who keep it alive. Sommerville and Hamilton hope to re-establish an identity for the Gam this year as an accessible-to-all "socially responsible being."

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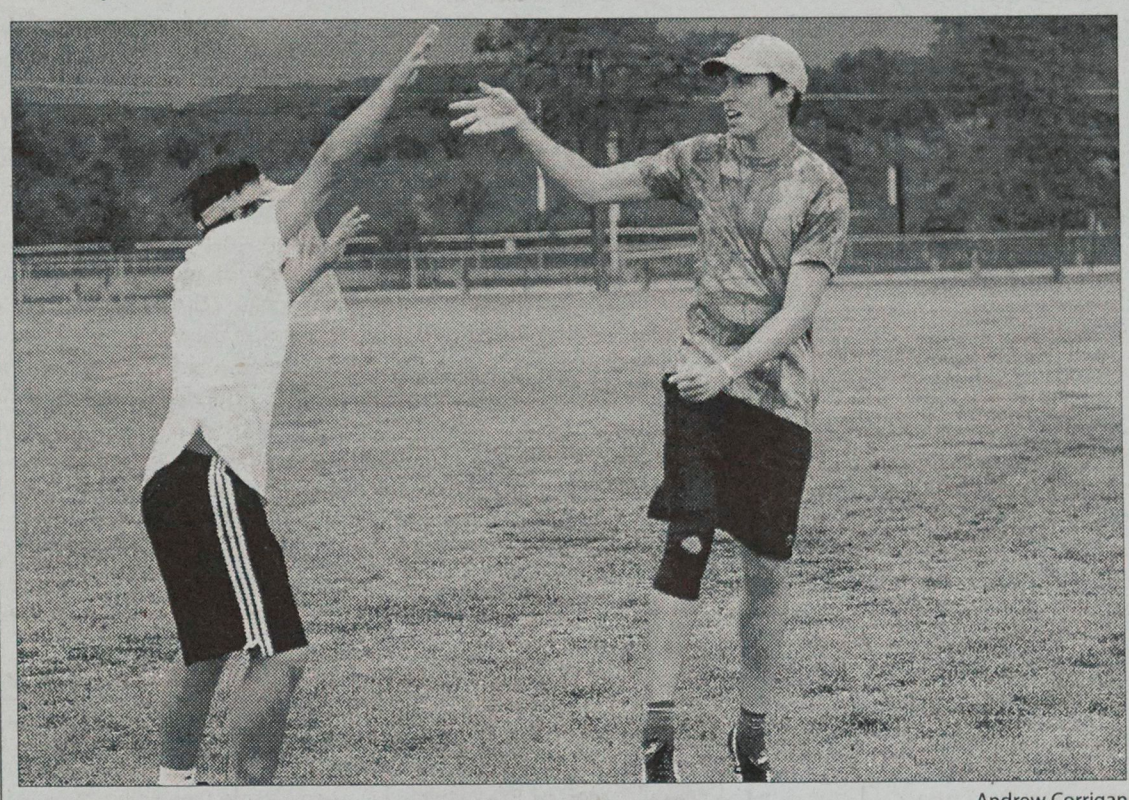

Andrew Corrigan

Faking the defender out of his shorts, Ray Coffey '01.5 throws a high release backhand to break the mark during the Middlebury Ultimate Prankster's practice on Tuesday afternoon.

Water Polo Sunk by Opponents in Tourney

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matches against Amherst and Tufts. Middlebury fought through a tough first half vs. Amherst and was able to break open a 3-goal lead in the third quarter thanks to the many breakaways by Middlebury swimming legend Strickler.

But Amherst was able to take advantage of Middlebury's fatigue and poor shot selection in the fourth quarter to come back and then win the game with a goal at the buzzer.

Despite this disappointing loss, the Panthers were able to play a strong first half against Tufts as sophomore veteran Shon Hodges capitalized on several extra-man opportunities to fire missiles by the Tufts keeper. But the physical strain of the previous match caught up to the team in the second half as they fell 11-6.

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It was clearly an improvement from last year when the team fell victim to a 14-0 slaughter at the hands of Dartmouth. The team will play many of the same teams again at Dartmouth in a couple of weeks where they hope to seek revenge on both Amherst and Tufts.

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Women's Tennis Takes Skidmore, but Beaten by Bowdoin

By Libby Meyers
Staff Writer

For all 15 readers of this article... oh wait, there are only 15 girls on the tennis team. Let's try this again. For all 14 readers of this article, you already know that the Middlebury Women's Tennis team defeated Skidmore last Wednesday, Sept. 20, and fell to Bowdoin last Saturday, Sept. 23. But, for the sake of our egos, we'll reiterate. Because, after all, it makes us all feel better when we see our name written in bold print. And, this confidence-booster could carry over into our next upcoming match and potentially spawn a second victory, upon which to reiterate as well.

So, as I was saying, the Middlebury Women's tennis team defeated Skidmore 6-3. Even though they tried to wear our colors instead of the typical Skidmore yellow and green, their skills could not match our play. The season opener proved successful as four singles and two doubles teams were victorious. Sandy Spring '04, Hilary Johnson '02, Ariella Neville '03, and Lauren Ready '05 all won their singles matches. At doubles, the team of Spring and Neville and the team of Kyle Wheale '02 and Johnson both succeeded. As of last Saturday the team remained undefeated with a record of (1-0).

However, this winning streak came to a temporary halt as the lady Panthers fell to Bowdoin last Saturday. The score of the match against Bowdoin was the same against Skidmore except the Panthers lost 6-3 instead of winning 6-3. All of the matches in Maine were extremely close. Spring was down in the first set but soon proved that she just needed a little time to stretch after the six-hour drive. She went on to take the first set 6-4 and the second set 6-0. Ready showed her skills at sixth singles, winning both sets 6-2, 6-2. At first doubles, Neville and Spring were also successful.

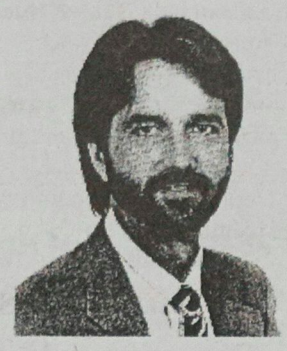
The Middlebury Women's tennis team is very excited for this weekend. Besides the fact that many parents will be in attendance, the Lady Panthers play Wesleyan at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Tufts at 12 p.m. on Sunday. According to Jena Siegel '04, "This weekend gives us an opportunity to show our parents what Middlebury Women's tennis is all about and to retrieve a winning record at the same time."

Andrew Corrigan

Ariella Neville '03 hits a backhand volley during a doubles match on Wednesday of last week.

Creating a Positive Campus Culture:

Perception of alcohol and drug use
and their impact on behavior



Dr. Wesley Perkins is the leading researcher nationally whose work has focused on uncovering peer perceptions of alcohol and other drug norms and the development of the research based social norms approach for preventing alcohol and other drug abuse and enhancing positive social behavior and sense of community. This approach has caught the national attention of colleges in the U.S. This approach has emerged from the theoretical and empirical research of Dr. Perkins and colleagues over the last decade. Dr. Perkins will discuss the pervasiveness of misperceived peer norms. He will explain the psychological and social causes of these misperceptions and when left unchanged the consequences as they contribute to increases in actual substance abuse and community problems. Dr. Perkins will conclude with strategies for challenging these misrepresentations and engaging the positive power of community through the promotion of actual student community norms and values.

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Men's Water Polo Hosts Its First Tournament

By Chesley Thurber
Staff Writer

After finishing their second season with a respectable 5-7 record and seventh place in the New England sectionals, the men's water polo club had set its expectations much higher for the 2001 season.

The return of offensive powerhouse Andrew Boyce '02 and the addition of experienced first years Dan Morosani and Adam Rahal gave the team high hopes as it entered the first ever men's Northern New England Regional held at Middlebury.

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The tournament began with a match-up against Dartmouth, one of the most formidable club teams on the east coast. They showed early why they are ranked seventeenth in the nation as they out swam Middlebury to a 6-2 lead at the half.

Late in the fourth quarter, Middlebury was able to mount a strong comeback thanks to newfound offensive potential in senior Andrew Hickock. But the effort was too little too late and Dartmouth prevailed 9-5.

After a 22-4 routing of the University of Vermont, the team came back on Sunday ready for two key

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Men's and Women's Crew Has Strong Finish in Canadian Race

Courtesy Photo

The Middlebury Crew team's women's open eight prepares for their race at the Head of the Rideau Regatta in Ottawa, Canada last weekend.

By Elizabeth Beetem
Staff Writer

This past weekend the Middlebury Crew team traveled to Ottawa, Canada, to participate in the Head of the Rideau Regatta. The team went by bus early Saturday morning and arrived in time to practice on the course in preparation for Sunday's races. The race was over a full six thousand meters with many tight curves, a very challenging course for coxswains. Rain had been predicted for Sunday, but it cleared and the sun beat down on teams from the Ottawa Rowing Club four universities: Carleton, Trent, Queens, and McGill.

The Middlebury boats consisted of three men's four-seaters, two of which are lightweight, a women's eight and two women's fours, one open and one lightweight. The first boats to race were the two women's four boats, coxed by Sarain Lay '02 and Kate Moffet '04. Both boats rowed great races, coming in fourth and fifth overall. One boat, consisting of sophomores Susannah Cowden, Carolyn Gersh, and Becky Latka, and senior Liz Beetem, took home first place medals for winning the lightweight division.

Next to race were the three men's fours coxed by Sarah Selgrade '02, Cory Balint '04 and Cameren Cousins '03. The three crews all posted strong times and felt that they had rowed well. The Panthers' boats finished in a tight pack, which should make for strong competition this season among rowers on the team, as well as with other teams.

Last to race was the women's eight, who "had a strong first race," according to coxswain Susy King '02, "It was a good way to start the season." The boat finished third in the open eight division. Coach Alex Machi stated, "These results show just how much improvement we've made in the first few weeks of the season. Those new to varsity showed just how strong they are and what a big contribution they are going to make to the team this season."

The team was glad to return to America Sunday night for another hard week of training. After the four-hour wait to return across the U.S. border, many found pleasure in the fact that there would be no more races in Canada this year. Everyone, however, is looking forward to next weekend's competitions.

The women's team will complete Saturday at Mt. Holyoke's Women's Regatta. This is a favorite regatta for many rowers because of its unique structure, which consists of a complete 4.5k race in the morning, followed by a long lunch break and a 1500-meter sprint in the afternoon. The scores are then combined and medals will be awarded by overall score. Middlebury has done well in the past and they hope to continue the success this year. On Sunday, the men will join the women for the Textile River Regatta in Lowell, Mass. It should be an exciting, and tiring, weekend of racing for both teams.

Cross Country Women Sweep Race

By Michael Kirkland
Staff Writer

On a wet and humid Saturday morning at Middlebury, the men's and women's cross country teams took on Colby, Saint Michael's and Potsdam in a fun-loving affair on the old home course. Middlebury's men and women runners capped their high-training week with a successful race.

This year's teams are guided by the energy of new assistant coach Nicole Wilkerson, and the experience of head coach Terry Aldrich, who was recognized last year in the "Faces in the Crowd" section of *Sports Illustrated* for leading the women's team to the national championship last year.

The women's team, staking the claim that they are as strong, if not stronger, than last year's championship team, ran exceptionally well on Saturday. The girls used team tactics and group running to capture the first six places and eight of the top ten.

Junior Emily Korot led the pack with an impressive 18:31 on a challenging course. Fellow Junior Michela Adrian followed Korot's lead, finishing second in 18:43. Molly Yazwinski '04, Sarah Logan '03, Jess Manzer '05 and Kaitlin Gregg '03 all ran the course in under 20:00 and finished in front of all runners from the other three schools. Rounding off the Panthers' top eight girls were Karin Ericson '04 and Jordan MacClary '05, finishing ninth and tenth, respectively.

The women's team is looking forward to the return of senior captain and All-American Jess Johnston, the motivational leader of this talented team. After the race, teammate Berkley Leach '04 was excited about the season's prospects. "I can't say enough about the heart of this team. I'm just so proud of them all. And soon we'll have Jess back!"

The men's team was eager to continue its rivalry with Colby. In last year's dual meet against Colby, the Panther men came away with a thrilling victory as the result came down to the last runner.

This year, however, the White Mules of Colby got their revenge and defeated their NESCAC nemesis. Nonetheless, all of the Panthers ran strong, but the upperclassmen were shown up by their rookie teammates. In their first league races, the first-year stole the show. First year T.L. Marks honored a school legend by donning the racing flats of former captain Mike Cooley. And as was Cooley's custom, T.L. ran a well-paced race and led the men's field with an impressive time of 28:42. Senior captain Marshall Boyd and sophomore sensation Marshall Greene also ran impressive races, finishing closely behind T.L. Team veterans, juniors Michael Mazzotta, Michael Unger and Simon Isaacs finished fourth, sixth and seventh, respectively. Another first-year snuck in amongst the upper-classmen at fifth place; Morgan Byrne persevered through an upset stomach and impressed the crowd and his teammates with a remarkable show of determination.

Morgan is one of this week's Special Interest Runners, along with Junior Krista Evans. Evans is coming off a career-threatening knee injury and doing so in exceptional fashion. She ran impressively in the ninth position on the strong and deep girls' team, proving that nobody is going to break her stride, that nobody is going to slow her down, oh no. Morgan also displayed great perseverance and dedication as he battled the course and his upset stomach to run a great race. Senior captain Mike Moran captured the moment, saying, "Today, Morgan represented all of the guys on this team in that we don't mess around."

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The cross-country runners were pleased by the encouraging fans that showed up in support of the runners. Fans are encouraged to come out in force for the last home meet of the season, which is the Vermont State Championship race on Friday, Oct. 5. As for this weekend, the men and women will be in Grafton, Mass. for the Tufts Invitational.

Healthy Eating, Body Image and Eating Issues Awareness Week

October 1st – 5th, 2001

Monday, October 1st
7:00pm to 8:00pm
Chateau Grand Salon

A Conversation with Ene Piirak, Psychologist with the Center for Counseling and Human Relations. She will lead an informal discussion on Talking to a Friend with an Eating Disorder.

Tuesday, October 2nd
7:15pm
Bicentennial Hall
Room 211

Yonna McShane, Office of Health and Wellness Education Yonna will provide a slide presentation and discussion titled, "Social Influence – The Media and the Impact on Body Image for Men and Women in America."

Wednesday, October 3rd
7:00pm
Mitchell Green Lounge

Mary Anne Kyburz-Ladue, College Nutritionist. Mary Anne is new to the staff at Middlebury College and is a nationally registered dietician. She will be providing a presentation and discussion titled, "The Myths and Realities of Optimal Nutrition and Supplements for Athletic Performance – Staying Healthy in Spite of the Hype." This will be focused for both competitive and recreational athletes.

Thursday, October 4th
7:30pm
McCullough Main Social Space

Julie Fisher, M.Ed., Consultant, Middlebury Alum. Julie will be providing a presentation and discussion, titled "Bulimia – Coping on the Outside, Chaos on the Inside." Julie is a former Middlebury student who is in recovery from bulimia and will talk about her experience as a college student both in developing and beginning the recovery process from an eating disorder.

This awareness week is sponsored by the Office of Health and Wellness Education. For more information, please contact Yonna McShane at Ext. 5141.

The Inside Story

By David Lindholm
Assistant Sports Editor

On Tuesday it was made official. The news that had been circulating around America all summer, and even since January of 1999, was finally confirmed, when Michael Jordan announced that he would sign a two-year contract with the Washington Wizards. This will be Air Jordan's second comeback, his first coming in 1995, after he retired when his Chicago Bulls had just captured their third NBA Championship during his reign.

"I am returning as a player to the game I love," announced Jordan, who has not played an NBA game in almost three years. At 38, he has lost a few steps and will have his hands full dealing with the likes of Kobe Bryant, Allen Iverson, Tracy McGrady and a host of young talent across the league.

But Jordan has always been the smartest player on the floor, and if his touch returns as quickly as it did during his first comeback, he'll at least prove that he can keep up with the league's best. In his fifth game of the 1995 mid-season comeback, Jordan drained 55 points over the Knicks in Madison Square Garden.

Jordan will not be as good as he was in Chicago, and his supporting cast is also nowhere near the level of any of his championship teams. Most people see the Wizards as outsiders for the playoffs even with Jordan, so he will need to be using a different scale to measure his success.

"I know there are a lot of naysayers out there," Jordan said earlier this month, making obvious his plans to return. "Winning isn't always championships. What's wrong with helping kids find their way, teaching them the game?"

The news will certainly pick up a glum Washington, which was eagerly anticipating the news before the events of Sept. 11. Jordan postponed the announcement of his return two weeks after that Tuesday, and will donate his entire playing salary this season to relief agencies working with the victims of the terrorist attacks on Washington, D.C., and New York City.

The effect of Jordan's return will reach far across the NBA, which has been in a bit of a slump ever since the lockout-shortened season. Replica Number 23 jerseys are sure to sell out, and sellouts are all but garneted for every game with the Wizards this year. NBA Commissioner David Stern and the league will receive a huge boost from His Airness' return.

"I am happy to welcome Michael Jordan, the player, back to the NBA," Stern said. "Michael has always brought joy to basketball fans around the world, and, in these difficult times, we can all use a little more joy in our lives."

Many people had been hoping that Michael would not return, for the sake of his reputation. Sportswriters have talked of Jordan "tarnishing his image" or "ruining his legacy," and some even expect the comeback to resemble a train wreck. But nobody expects Jordan to be the same player he was in 1993, or even 1998. We just want to watch Mike

Volleyball Back to .500 After Two Victories

By Peter Yordan
Staff Writer

Middlebury volleyball waltzed away with an easy and convincing victory on Thursday to bring their overall record back to 3-3. The team, which had been shaky in previous starts, showed its skill and resolve by dispatching an overmatched Colby-Sawyer squad in three straight games.

Prior to the game on Thursday, the Panthers had been struggling to regain the form that made them so successful last year. The team had suffered losses to Amherst, Williams and Tufts on the previous weekend, and on Tuesday had gotten away with a sloppy win against St. Michael's. "We'll have to pull our game together," noted assistant coach Michelle Sorise after the game against St. Mike's.

The non-conference match against Colby-Sawyer was just what the team needed to get back on track. Middlebury came out firing, pouncing on their opponents early and never letting them up off the mat. The team dominated all three games, winning by scores of 30-14, 30-16 and 30-15.

A number of players on the team contributed to the winning effort, including co-captain Rachel Faraone '02, who proved strong on both offense and defense, leading the team with 13 kills, 12 digs, and four aces. Luz Brito '04 also had a good match, with eight kills in 10 attempts to go along with six digs and two aces. First-year starter Katy Hicks added four blocked serves in another effective performance.

After the game the team was able to swagger off the court with a confidence that had been lacking during their slow start. "We really pulled together and showed a lot of teamwork," said Junior Evan Kanaly. "We proved our potential; I think the season looks very promising."

The Panthers came together for a crucial win at this juncture. Before their last two starts head coach Sarah Raunecker hoped that the matches would help her "get a feel for what this team is going to be." Now, with a series of big games on the horizon, she can take heart in her team's performance.

After a game against Union College on Tuesday, the Panthers will travel to Maine over the weekend for the Bates Invitational, one of the biggest tournaments of the season. With fierce NESCAC competition looming, the team may have found its stride just in time.

Louisa Conrad

The Middlebury volleyball team won a decisive victory last Thursday against Colby-Sawyer to improve their record to 3-3.

Women's Soccer with Big Win, and Big Loss

By David Lindholm
Assistant Sports Editor

The Middlebury Women's Soccer team came home with a win and a loss after traveling to Maine this past weekend for a pair of games with NESCAC opponents. The Panthers' used excellent defense to stifle Bowdoin on Saturday, where an early goal from reigning NESCAC Player of the Year MegBonney '03 turned out to be all that was needed for the win. The defense was unable to reproduce their effort on Sunday, however, giving up the game-winning goal just three minutes into the match as Bates cruised to a 3-0 victory over the Panthers.

Both Middlebury and Bowdoin came into Saturday's match carrying a 1-1 league record, and the game promised to be exciting, as both teams needed a win. The Panthers were trying to find their form following last weekend's tough loss to Tufts. In a game that was defined by defense and goalkeeping, Bonney used her "finishing power," as described by head coach Diane Boettcher, to punish Polar Bear keeper Emily Rizza and score the winner. Middlebury had been threatening, and out of a scramble in the box the ball was played to the near post, where Bonney headed the ball over an out-of-position Rizza and into the net.

The rest of the match had a frantic pace, with Bowdoin pushing to get the equalizer while Middlebury desperately tried to put a cushion on their lead. The result was an end-to-end battle where both teams pushed hard on offense but had gained nothing from their efforts. Ali Connolly '02was spectacular in net for the Panthers, preserving the win with five saves, including three stops on breakaways. Rizza finished with nine saves on the day for Bowdoin, who fell to 1-2 in NESCAC play. The win was especially gratifying for the Middlebury women, who lost 1-0 in overtime to Bowdoin at home last season. "They're a very good team," said Boettcher. "Last year they went to the NCAA tournament. It was a good win for us."

Women's Soccer

Saturday, September 22

Middlebury	1
Bowdoin	0

Sunday, September 23

Bates	3
Middlebury	0

The Panthers then moved on to Bates, and though both teams had played the day before, the Bobcats had a distinct advantage. Bates had coasted to a 4-0 win over Trinity on Saturday, a far cry from the high speed, intense match that Middlebury had played. The Bobcats came into the game against the Panthers boasting an overall record of 4-1. There only loss came against a strong Amherst team, and in the four wins they had trounced their opponents in impressive and intimidating fashion, scoring 17 goals and allowing none.

Sunday's match followed the same pattern for Bates, as they shut out the Panthers and used early offense to seal the victory. Just three minutes into the game, Bates senior forward Kate Dockery received a ball that squeezed through Middlebury's defense and calmly slotted the ball home on the breakaway. "It was a stunning goal, from a psychological standpoint. The Bobcats are a feisty team and they came out ready," said Boettcher. "We had nothing left."

The goal demoralized the Panthers, and Bates continued to apply pressure. A half hour after the first goal, Dockery was played a perfect cross from fellow forward Amanda Waterhouse, and tucked the header past Connolly for her ninth goal in six games. Bates put the game out of reach just two minutes later when Melissa Ostuni emerged from a fray in the box and slammed home a shot from twelve yards out. Despite allowing three goals, Connolly again turned in a strong effort, finishing with ten saves. Her Bates counterpart, Kim Martell, finished with five saves and earned her fifth shutout of the year.

The Panthers face another test this Wednesday as they travel to Keene State to face a different looking squad from what the Panthers are accustomed to. "They have a style of play that is a little hard charging. We'll have a battle against Keene," predicts Boettcher. "They're a team that we're used to dominating, and now they're ranked higher than us. And the game is at their place under the lights." After Keene comes Wesleyan, whocurrently sit at the bottom of the NESCAC table. The Panthers are now in sixth, and the top seven teams qualify for the NESCAC tournament.

Boettcher is confident in her team. "Over the course of the season we're going to get better. Now we're just looking to see who the first person will be to make those big steps."

Football Seeks to Avenge Colby

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for all involved in the program!

A famous gambler once said, "I hardly remember any of the big pots I've won, as strange as it seems, but I remember, with remarkable accuracy, every big bust I've ever had." Well, that quote couldn't sum up better the way the Middlebury College Panthers feel about Colby and last year's game. Middlebury's only loss last season was to under dog Colby in a heart breaking 28-21 loss on the White Mules home turf. What is even harder to swallow is that the Panthers squandered at least two chances within Colby's 10-yard line, coming up twice with no points. Wide-out Denny Smith '03 said, "Colby is easily our longest trip, and the feelings we felt last year on that bus ride home have not left me, or any of us. This year we need a good week of practice and a strong team effort on Saturday. We know that we're going to have to kick and fight throughout the game, but I assure you, getting motivated will be not be hard for anybody—trust me!"

Colby is coming off a hard fought losing effort to Williams last week and is returning virtually everybody from last year. This will be an extremely exciting contest and marks the first of three tough games that could make or break the Panthers season. Winning this week would be a big step toward achieving great things this year for the Panthers. The Panthers will look to continue their winning ways Saturday, where kick off is at 1:30 p.m. at Youngman Field.

Men's Soccer Suffers Tough Loss to Bowdoin

By Dan Russell
Staff Writer

Men's soccer entered Saturday's game at Bowdoin with high spirits after winning a thrilling game against Tufts University in double overtime the week before. From the very outset, however, conditions seemed to be in Bowdoin's favor. It was a hostile atmosphere to begin with as Bowdoin College came out in full support of their team. Middlebury had to work hard simply to adjust to the conditions on the field, having to contend with incredibly thick, wet grass, the result of three days of steady rainfall. Bowdoin then scored almost immediately as the Polar Bears' striker David Bulow took advantage of a defensive lapse,

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Middlebury	1
Bowdoin	2

leaving him with a clear shot on net, and forcing the Panthers to foul. Bowdoin promptly scored on the ensuing free kick and the Panthers found themselves down 1-0 less than a minute into the game.

The speed with which Bowdoin was able to score was eerily similar to the Tufts game that the Panthers had played a week before, where they found themselves down 1-0 after only ten minutes. The Panthers, in turn, reacted in much the same way, showing themselves to be an incredibly resilient, strong-willed team. Undaunted, they fought back with great intensity against a very physical Bowdoin team, and appeared to be in command the rest of the way.

Nelson Martelle '02 continued his very strong play, showing himself to be an imposing force at midfield and winning nearly every header. All of the midfielders, in fact, made significant contributions including Nick Colaccio '04, Andrew Stewart '04 and Andrew Peters '03, who all distributed the ball extremely well. Perhaps the most encouraging sign for the Panthers, however, was the highly anticipated and triumphant return of senior Brian Lavin '02 who had been recovering from a broken arm. He scored the team's lone goal on a spectacular diving header from eight yards out on a cross from Matt Scheufele '04.

Lavin served as a catalyst for his teammates, playing the entire game with a spirit of reckless abandon, sacrificing his body, and showing no evidence of rust or of ever having broken his arm. Even Lavin's inspiring performance would not prove enough, however, as Bowdoin took advantage of the weather conditions to capitalize only five minutes later on a ball which was played back towards the Middlebury defense and squirted off a Middlebury cleat. Two Bowdoin players, one of whom was Bulow, rushed the ball, knocking it away and allowing Bulow get a great shot on goal from 15 yards out which went off the bottom of the bar and into the net for his second goal. Middlebury attempted furiously to mount a comeback, but with only 20 minutes left in the game Lavin was given a red card for charging the Bowdoin goalkeeper on a very questionable call.

The loss of Lavin proved too much even for such a proud and strong-willed team as Middlebury, as they were unable to score during the last twenty minutes and succumbed to Bowdoin 2-1. With the loss the Panthers drop to 1-2 overall and 1-1 in NESCAC play. It was an encouraging game, nonetheless, and one in which the Panthers showed great potential. "We played well, I thought," said senior goalkeeper Brian Hamm. "I'm happy with our performance overall. In the game of soccer, sometimes the better team doesn't come out with a W."

Middlebury will next play Castleton at home on Sept. 25.

Andrew Corrigan

Conor Shapiro '03 chests the ball down with his eyes focused on the ensuing pass to a teamate.

Field Hockey Sweeps Maine Schools

By Emily Berlanstein
Staff Writer

Last weekend, the Panther field hockey team continued to show its prowess upon the New England Small College Athletic Conference. After falling to non-conference opponent Skidmore last week, 4-3 in overtime, the Panthers regrouped and headed to Maine to tackle conference foes Bates and Bowdoin. Now 4-0 in league play, Middlebury leads the conference rankings.

The Panthers dominated Bowdoin on Saturday, handing the Polar Bears their first loss of the season. Missy Krempa '04 sparked the offense from the left wing position by scoring the first goal of the game after less than five minutes of play. Shortly after, Keely Murphy '04 doubled the lead off an assist from co-captain and defensive commander Julia Bergofsky '02. Early in the second half, Char Glessner '03.5 contributed the third goal. The Polar Bears tried to retaliate with a goal from Jackie Templeton, but Glessner answered back with the fourth goal, confirming a resounding Panther victory.Goalkeeper Molly Fitzgerald '04 proved to be a nearly flawless with 14 saves.

According to co-captain Anna Hastings '02, the Bowdoin game was "a genuine team effort" and "things really came together." Other significant contributors included co-captain Billie Goldman '02 who provided strong distributing skills both offensively and defensively. In addition, the team was able to feed on the fire of Kate Perine '03. Perine, the sister of a Polar Bear, motivated team members with ample tenacity as well as confidence and enthusiasm. First-year starters Ashley Pullen '05 and Ashley Hall '05 also played a major role in the Panther's success, displaying composure and endurance, which provided "an extra push."

Field Hockey

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Middlebury	4
Bowdoin	1

Sunday, September 23

Bates	3
Middlebury	4

Although the Bowdoin game left the Panthers a little tired, the win "proved we were strong enough, fast enough, and skilled enough to compete with the best teams in the league," added Hastings. She also noted that, after the first goal against Bowdoin, the nervousness disappeared, and the rest of the weekend the Panthers focused on drawing postive energy from one another and feeling completely confident.

Glessner was certainly on target once again on Sunday, recording a hat trick and assisting on the additional goal as Middlebury caught Bates off guard. Much of the action occurred in the circle, as the Panthers successfully executed their penalty corners. Three of Middlebury's four goals were the product of 14 corner opportunities, two of which were scored by Glessner off feeds from Perine. Although the Panthers had a comfortable 2-0 lead at halftime, Bates posed a threat by slipping three goals by Fitzgerald.

The Bates game was a true test of strength for the Panthers, but Middlebury capped off the weekend with a demonstration of pure heart and a 4-3 victory. As a result, Glessner was once again named NESCAC Player of the Week. In the course of one weekend, she doubled her total number of goals to 10 and still reigns as the league's leading scorer. Krempa, with four goals, is also among the top 10. Fitzgerald is a statistical leader in the cage with an average of 1.67 goals allowed per game, sixth in the league. First-year Jo Opot is not far behind, averaging 2.48.

The Panthers hope to continue to successfully bond their individual excellence and commitment to team goals as they head into more league play this week. Middlebury will travel to Union College on Tuesday, but look for the Panthers on their home turf against Weslyan on Saturday. All are encouraged to come support the NESCAC's best, who will be sporting brand new kilts.

Midd Ruggers Open Season With a Bang

By Doug Haber
Staff Writer

The Middlebury Rugby Club enters this season with high expectations. Although the Midd Ruggers finished last fall's regular season with a 5-0 record, and placed seconed in New England and third in the Northeast, the Panthers failed to attain the preseason goal of qualifying for the National Championships. Last fall, the Panthers fell short of this goal, losing only to Yale amid snow and sleet in both the New England and the Northeastern championships. With the losses to Yale still fresh in their minds, the Middlebury Ruggers entered preseason camp determined to surpass last year's accomplishments and seek revenge against Yale. Hopes are high, as the team returns nine of last year's 15 starters.

On Saturday, the team traveled to Keene to launch the season against a grossly overmatched Keene State. Although many Keene State supporters came out to cheer on their Owls, their efforts proved futile. Within one minute of kick-off, inside center Kevin Immonje '02 broke through the Keene State defensive line and glided into the try zone for his first try of the day. The Midd Ruggers did not look back from there as they heaped try upon try. Middlebury's forwards drastically overpowered their Keene State counterparts, led by Tim Tutsch '04, Steve Messenger '02, Chris Lord '02, Nick "Biggie" Dutton-Swain '02, Peter Garcia 03.5, Francis Connolly '03.5, Joe Fernandez '02 and Casey McCann '01.5.

Middlebury's back line proved impenetrable, as Keene State was forced to kick almost every instant they touched the ball. Fullback Evan Moppert '02 was unstoppable, returning the Owls' kicks

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Middlebury	70
Keene State	6

directly into the Owl's half, and with six conversions for 18 points. Scrum-half Brian Martin '02 and fly-half Ngetha Waithaka '04 directed the back line to 65 of Middlebury's 70 points. Keene State mustered only 6 points, all of which were scored on kicks for points, awarded on controversial penalties deep in Middlebury's half. The final score was a lopsided 70-6 in Middlebury's favor. President Jody Kramer provided insight into the game: "I think it's great we opened up the season with a big win. We played surprisingly well together as a team. Everyone is excited about the season, and we are going to try to do the same thing next week."

The Midd Ruggers play this Saturday in Burlington against a strong University of Vermont Club. Confident, but not arrogant, the Panthers will seek to continue their successful streak.

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Midd Football Pummels Polar Bears

By Neil Onsdorff
Staff Writer

Before this weekend Ernie Miller '03 had never played defense at Middlebury College. Yet, after his SportsCenter worthy performance last Saturday against the Bowdoin College Polar Bears, it is a safe bet that he won't be changing sides, not anytime soon that is.

In the Panther's 21-7 victory, Miller, who was named NESCAC co-defensive player of the week, had seven tackles, two interceptions, and one blocked punt. In talking about his great performance, Miller said, "I was a little apprehensive about going out there—this was my first varsity game on defense, but I was no star. The whole defense should be proud of the way they played."

Men's Football

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Bowdoin	7
Middlebury	21

Another great surprise for Coach Ritter's staff was the NESCAC co-rookie of the week, freshman linebacker Philip Reiff '05, who led the team with 12 tackles in the first college game of his career. With the numerous injuries suffered this preseason to starting linebackers, it is a fantastic sign to see a first-year step up and fill a much needed and important role on the defense.

The Panthers' defense, which was coming off a great week of practice, held Bowdoin to only seven points and shut them out for the majority of the game, only yielding one TD in the final quarter.

On the other side of the ball, the Panthers offense played extremely well. On the first play of the game Billy Lazzaro '03 made some fantastic moves and darted 70 yards for the touchdown. Starting center, Mike Pepperman, '03, said, "The way we felt after we saw Billy cross into the end zone was incredible. This young line is definitely coming together and starting to play well."

This "extremely young" offensive line, which returns only one member who saw time last year consists of center Pepperman, left guard Andrew Angoff '03, left tackle Ryan Carter '05, right guard David Nikiel '04, right tackle Mike Elitt '04, and helped lead the way for the Panthers to put up 304 yards of total offense in the game. Their blocking enabled the Panthers to rush for two touchdowns and for quarterback Scott Roberts '02 to connect for an additional score to wide-out Denver Smith '03.

One of the most common mistakes of a young line is penalties—off sides and/or false start penalties can kill a scoring drive and a team. Yet, there were few, if any, called on the Panther's line, and none of the ever so costly holding penalties.

Last Saturday, the Panthers were able to do the two most important things a football team can do to win—score points and hold your opponent to less than you score. A great win for the new coach Robert Ritter, and for all the new starters/players, and a great feeling

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Andrew Corrigan

The Middlebury College football team won a decisive victory on Saturday, beating the Polar Bears of Bowdoin 21-7.

The Iceman Leads Midd Tennis to Glory

By Andrew Jacobi
Staff Writer

The men's tennis team went into this weekend's ECAC tennis tournament at Vassar hoping to build on the strong start to the season that got underway a week ago at the Middlebury Invitational. This week though, the competition would be a little more fierce, the tournament a little more prestigious and the campus activity a little more bizarre.

The Panthers were only one of a handful of Division III teams to attend the 18 team tournament. But they would nonetheless make their presence felt. All five singles players and the one Middlebury doubles team won their first match of the tournament on Friday morning rather quickly to set up some difficult match ups in the afternoon. Justin "Mongolia" Ingoglia '05 took on the number one player from Division I powerhouse George Washington University (GW), losing in a tough battle 6-3, 6-3. "It was tough to concentrate on the match with all the fans there cheering so loudly," said Ingoglia following the match. "But with my 20/20 hearing, I was able to tune out all the other stuff and focus on the task at hand."

Also losing in the second round were number two and three singles players Chris Jennings '03 and Andrew Jacobi '05. Both played hard-fought matches, but both fell in two tough sets, Jennings to his opponent from GW and Jacobi to his opponent from NYU. However, by far the most disappointing moment of Jennings' day was when he realized no one would be joining him for his dinner at Red Lobster that evening.

Advancing to the second day of competition were the doubles team of co-captain Matt Dougherty '02 and John Hugo '02, as well as number four and five singles players Stuart Brown '04 and Alex "Iceman" Meditz '05. Hugo and Dougherty would eventually lose a very well-played semifinal match to their opponents from Connecticut College, but not before establishing themselves as one of the teams to beat this year in the East.

Brown's second match was against a highly-regarded first-year phenom from Bates, who jumped out of the gates to quickly take the first set. Brown would recover in the second to take a 5-2 lead. Not to disappoint the packed house though, Brown decided to make things a little more interesting by losing four straight games before finally winning the second set in a tiebreaker. In the third set, Brown decided that enough was enough, as he pasted his opponent 6-0. Throughout the final set, some spectators overheard Brown chanting under his breath "Do it for Canada!" over and over again.

Brown kept on rolling during his semifinal match the following morning. He would jump out to a 6-0 5-0 lead. But Brown, once again not one to disappoint the large crowd, decided to give his opponent a little hope with the next three games, before squashing that hope with a 6-0 6-3 victory. Brown would lose in the final to a very impressive first-year from GW, but his strong showing this weekend proved that Canadians actually can play tennis.

Once again, stealing the show this weekend was Meditz. Staring at his draw, Meditz realized that in order to win his flight like he did last weekend, he would have to defeat three Division I opponents in a row. The seemingly daunting task proved very possible, as Meditz managed to beat his opponents from UConn in quarterfinals, University of Central Connecticut in the semifinals, and GW in the finals. Jennings, who had knowledge of Meditz's GW opponent, prepared him for the match by saying, "This guy is sick. No one stands a chance against him." Such words might have intimidated some. But not the Iceman. Meditz sliced and diced his way to a dramatic 6-1, 6-2 victory, his eighth straight on the season to remain undefeated.

Injured co-captain Steve Hulce '03.5 was invaluable as a coach, giving the Panthers not just one but two cars for the weekend. He also managed to keep the first-years' egos in check by occasionally causing them physical harm, to the disturbing giggling of the rest of the upperclassmen on the team.

The team finished the weekend a very respectable fourth out of 18 teams, proving again that they can hang with the top teams in the East. The results this weekend are encouraging, but the real test will come next weekend at the Rolex Invitational, which is the biggest tournament of the fall. Can the deadly combination of youth and experience of the Panthers survive the next test? Only time will tell.

Midd Mountain Biker Boasts World-Class Talent

By Daniel Prepas
Sports Editor

Lea Davison '05 loves to mountain bike. She has been mountain biking casually with her parents for years. But ever since deciding to compete seriously last year, she is discovering that mountain biking is not a mere hobby anymore. It is a future, and a bright one at that. Her meteoric rise in the sport hit its pinnacle earlier this year.

She was one of three competitors to represent the United States at the World Championships in Vail, Colo. Competing in the Junior Expert division, which is one step away from the professional circuit, she finished 7th overall. As if that wasn't enough, she found out after the race that her second lap time was by far the fastest of anyone else. It started snowing shortly into the 28 mile, mostly uphill race, not making the course any easier as the race went on.

When I asked her how surprised she was to hear about her second lap time, she calmly replied, "I started off a little slow, but I know I'd do well because the uphill course played to my strengths."

Accomplishing what she has with a little more than a year of competitive mountain biking under her belt is simply incredible.

"Doing well" is definitely an understatement. Accomplishing what she has with a little more than a year of competitive mountain biking under her belt is simply incredible.

This has all happened so fast for her. She describes it as "almost living in a dream world." She never thought this could happen, and that it could happen so quickly. At the beginning, she got the idea and motivation for entering a contest from her ex-boyfriend. After winning a few races, she knew that this was definitely something she should pursue. While she definitely has the talent to succeed, she gets such enjoyment from biking that it's the best of both worlds for her. She is constantly doing something she loves, and in the meantime winning races, awards, and following a newly realized dream.

The scary thing is that that the first-year student from Bolton, Vt. has probably not reached her potential yet. Since the beginning of the school year, she has been running cross-country. In a last second decision, she decided to compete in a collegiate mountain biking race against some of the best college mountain bikers in the country instead of her cross-country meet. Racing against both men and women, she decimated the competition. She handily defeated all the women and her finishing time was only bettered by the top male racer. In the women's race, the next person did not cross the finish line until eight minutes later.

Lea's obvious next step is to join the professional circuit. The competition will get tougher, but the goal will be greater.

The Olympics are about three years away and in her sights. While she is still focusing on the present and becoming a professional, she acknowledged that the Olympics are on her mind. "I'd love to get there and hope I can improve enough to have that chance." From the way things are going, any goal she sets for herself in this sport seems very reachable.